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September 5: Teachers Day

# ‘Teachers render the great service of man-making’

Teachers Day Greetings of the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin** on 04.09.2021 *(English Translation)*.

September 5 is a glorious day hailed by the world of education and by Teachers. It is a day that lauds the greatness of Teachers by linking it with the greatness of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan - the Teacher from Tamil Nadu who rose to become the world renowned President of India. On this happy day, I convey my hearty greetings to all the Teachers of Tamil Nadu.

Knowledge is lauded as being immune to destruction by flood, burning by fire and stealing by thieves. It does not diminish when shared; on the contrary, sharing augments it! Teachers who render the service of teaching students with involvement are like lighthouses on the shores of society.

The Teacher’s job is not just imparting book learning. It is the great and sacred task of making men, that too great men.

Only talented sculptors can distinguish an ordinary stone from one that can be turned into a statue. Teachers too chip out the ignorance of students with the chisel of education and shape them into high class students by imbuing them with intellectual ideas. The farmer levels the ground, irrigates the field, cultivates the crop and then harvests it. The Teacher straightens the minds of students that are characterized by prejudice, ignorance and deficiency and makes them harvest the crop of intelligence.

The Government of Tamil Nadu is implementing many welfare schemes to enable students to educate themselves without dropping out and to provide them quality education. Teachers have the capacity to enrich society. They should strengthen their capabilities by updating themselves with the modern advances in education, introduce students to the changing scientific and technological growth in education and make them understand all the dimensions of the developing world. I affectionately request all the Teachers to focus on shaping students so that they face life with self confidence without swerving from the values of honesty, discipline and truth.

On this Teachers Day, I am happy to greet all the Teachers who educate the people of our beloved Tamil Nadu. ■

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"Ollum Vagaiyaan Aravinai Ovaadhe
Sellumvaai Ellaam Seyal." -Kural: 33

Whatever be the deeds one is doing, at all places they should be done unremittingly only in a virtuous manner.

- Kalaignar Urai

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**First Wrapper**

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin**, on the occasion of the 150th Birth Anniversary of Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O.Chidambaranar on 05.09.2021 and the Death Centenary of Mahakavi Bharathiyar on 11.09.2021 paid floral tribute to their portraits.

# Hon'ble Chief Minister pays glorious tribute to Muthamizh Arignar as 'Architect of Modern Tamil Nadu', announces Rs. 39 crore memorial

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Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** under Rule 110 *(English Translation).*

Hon'ble Speaker Sir,

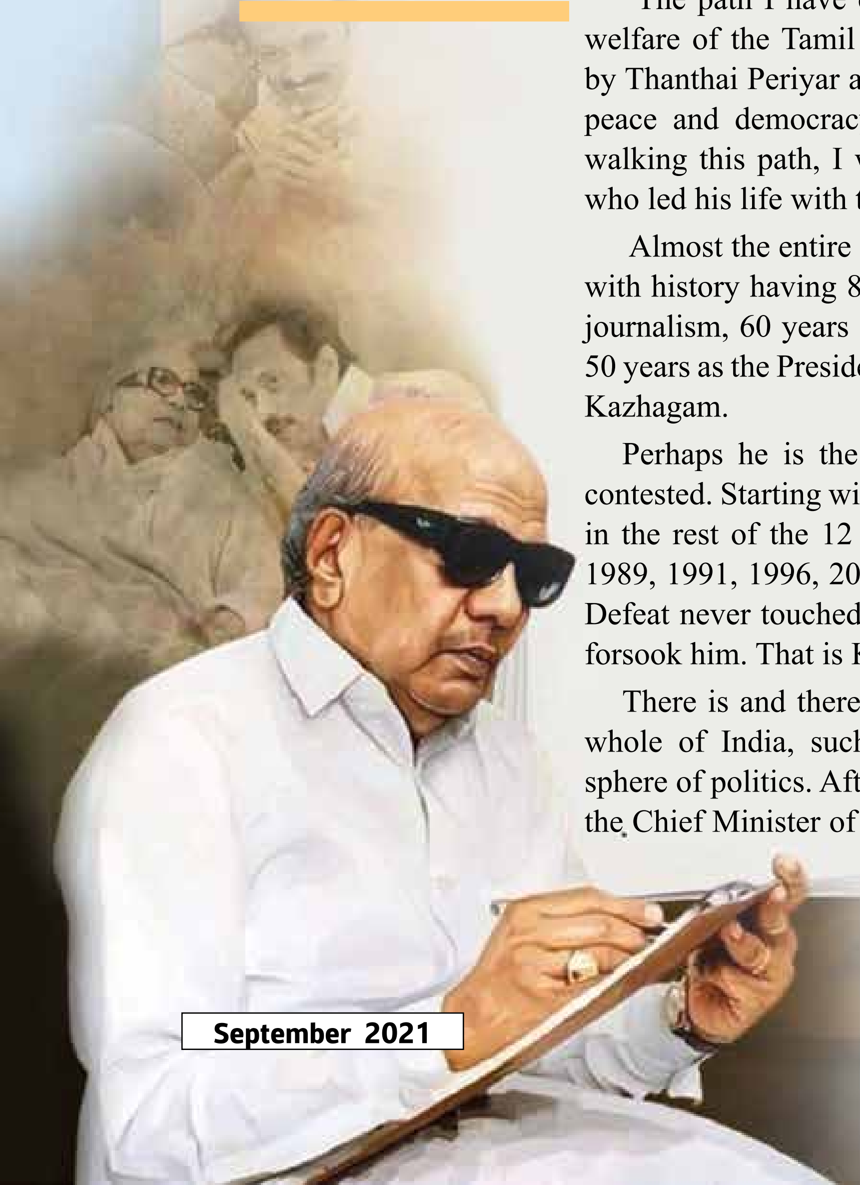
For Tamils all over the world, he was 'Thamizhina Thalaivar', for those in the literary field 'Muthamizh Arignar'; for those in the field of arts 'Kalaignar' for ever; for all the leaders in Tamil Nadu 'Leader', a 'Political Gnani' who guided Indian politics, a 'Permanent Member' to this House, a 'Leader' who shaped us all; a luminary ("Maanbaalar") residing in the hearts of millions and millions of 'Udanpirappugal' (siblings) – the epithets are endless.

"The path I have chosen is that of self respect; caring for the welfare of the Tamil race, protecting the code of Tamils treaded by Thanthai Periyar and Perarignar Anna; a path of righteousness, peace and democracy; even if I am threatened with death for walking this path, I will not deviate from it" – it was Kalaignar who led his life with this determination till the end.

Almost the entire span of Kalaignar's life is closely connected with history having 80 years of public life, 70 years in films and journalism, 60 years as Member of the Legislative Assembly and 50 years as the President of the great movement, Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam.

Perhaps he is the only leader who won all the elections he contested. Starting with Kulithalai in 1957, he remained the winner in the rest of the 12 elections in 1962, 1967, 1971, 1977, 1980, 1989, 1991, 1996, 2001, 2006, 2011 and 2016, he had contested. Defeat never touched him in all these 13 Elections; victory never forsook him. That is Kalaignar.

There is and there will never be a person one like him, in the whole of India, such was Kalaignar's unique eminence in the sphere of politics. After the demise of Perarignar Anna, he became the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu for the first time on 10.02.1969.



Later, he took over the responsibility of the office 4 more times on 15.03.1971, 27.01.1989, 13.05.1996 and 13.05.2006 - this totally 5 times. He formulated and implemented great schemes and laws for the greatness of the Tamil language, development of Tamil Nadu and for bringing about a renaissance in Tamil society. His contribution in making Tamil Nadu a frontline, developed State in the whole of India is unparalleled.

The new Tamil Nadu we see today has been created by Kalaignar. Some people will create dream Cities. It is only Kalaignar, the great architect who created a State itself. When he came to assume the power of governance for the first time, he said: “Though I am in the fort as Chief Minister, I think of the hutments alone from there.” He said social reform, development works and equity would be the codes of his administration. He ruled the State on that basis. All spheres of activity developed equally.

Chief Minister Kalaignar is the architect of modern Tamil Nadu in multifarious ways. The list is long. Annai Tamil language being elevated to the status of a ‘classical’ language, right of reservation for the backward class community in Union Government jobs, a law ensuring that caste is no bar to become an archaka, equal share to women in property, social justice rights to BC, MBC and SC/ST, free electricity to farmers, writing off Rs.7,000 crore co-operative loans, an IT cluster, Tidal Park at Taramani, Metro Rail to Chennai, industrial complexes like SIPCOT and SIDCO, Slum Clearance Board, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, ‘Namakku Naame’ (self dependence) scheme, Anna Renaissance scheme, Ambulance 108 service, free medical insurance scheme, introduction of mini buses, setting up ‘Uzhavar Sandhaigal’, marriage assistance to poor women, financial assistance for widows for re-marriage, assistance to pregnant women, renovation to thousands of temples, 30% reservation for women in Government jobs, 33 per cent reservation for women in local body elections, free stoves with LPG gas connection, self help groups for women, ‘Samathuvapurams’ for all communities to live together, 3.5 per cent reservation for Muslims, inclusion of Urdu-speaking Muslims in the Backward Class list, abolition of entrance examination, free bus pass to students, Salem steel plant, a new Salem Division in railways, Desalination plant at Nemmeli, Combined Water Supply Schemes at Hogenakkal and Ramanathapuram, Anna Centenary Library, the biggest in the whole of South Asia, rehabilitation of Differently-abled persons and Transgenders and creating a number of Universities, Medical Colleges and Arts and Science Colleges.

A young man who left his hamlet Thirukkuvalai had a dream about shaping Tamil Nadu; he had a vision. Thiruvalluvar, Thanthai Periyar and Perarignar Anna animated him as his life breath. Kalaignar acted as a great executor of the dreams of these three.

If you enter into the field of literature, his ‘Kuraloviyam’, ‘Sangathamizh’ and ‘Tholkappiya Poonga’ waft across like a cool breeze; ‘Ponnar Sankar’ and ‘Thenpandi Singam’ roar if you enter the world of fiction; turn to the film world, there his ‘Parasakthi’, ‘Manohara’ and ‘Poompuhar’ glitter; in the

field of drama, ‘Thookkumedai’, ‘Socrates’ and ‘Cheran Senguttuvan’ ring in stentorian tones. His skill in architecture stands out as ‘Valluvar Kottam’ in Chennai and in sculpture as the 133 ft. tall Valluvar statue in Kanniyakumari.

Is a textbook needed for Members of Legislature? His speeches are there. Do journalists need a grammar book (for their profession)? Then ‘Murasoli’ (newspaper) opens up vistas. Do politicians need to learn the basics (arichuvadi)? His letters and ‘Nenjukku Needhi’ are there. In the political arena, we have all been created by him. Not only this, he blessed those who abused him too.

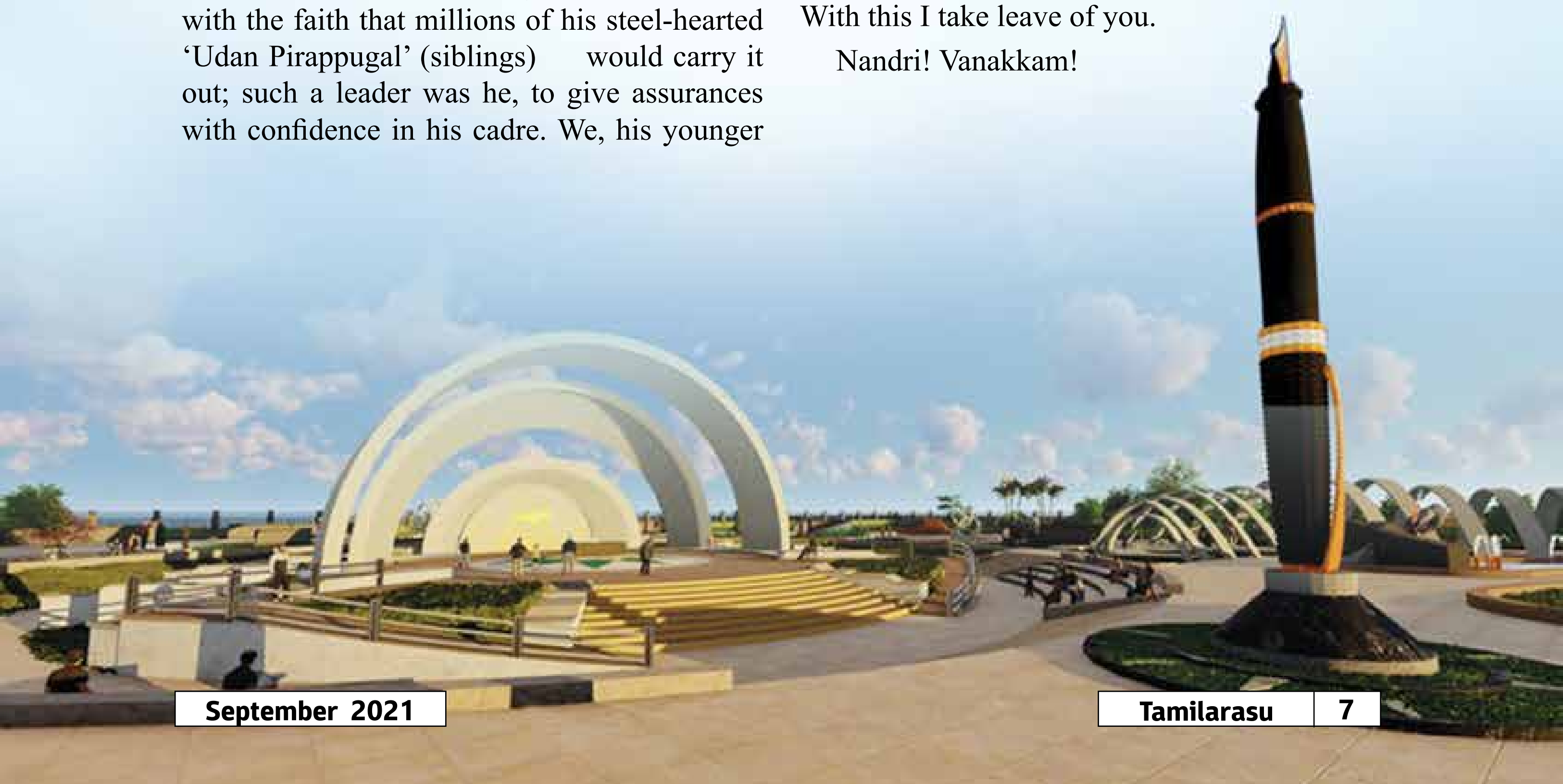
In this way, Kalaignar, who for over half a century was in the headlines of the newspapers, went to his permanent resting place on August 7, 2018. Though I have used the word ‘rest’, the fact is that he went to his rest only after bequeathing so much to this Tamil society.

A servant of the people, he wanted this epitaph - ‘One who toiled without any rest, rests here’, to be written on his grave even 40 years ago. Fifty years ago, he gave the assurance: “Anna! Lend me your heart till I reach you, Anna; I will carry it and place it at your feet when I come there, Anna”. He gave that assurance with the faith that millions of his steel-hearted ‘Udan Pirappugal’ (siblings) would carry it out; such a leader was he, to give assurances with confidence in his cadre. We, his younger

brothers, honoured his assurance to Perarignar Anna.

To such a ‘Thamizh Ina Thalaivar’ Kalaignar who gave himself up for shaping this motherland Tamil Nadu, I wish to inform this House, a memorial will be set up at Anna memorial on Kamarajar Salai, Chennai on 2.21 acres and at a cost of Rs.39 crore. The memorial will highlight his great works, educate the people and the future generations on his achievements and thoughts, with modern illustrative pictures. With this I take leave of you.

Nandri! Vanakkam!



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# Hon'ble Chief Minister announces Thanthai Periyar Birth Anniversary as 'Social Justice Day'

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
**Thiru. M. K. Stalin** under Rule 110 *(English Translation).*

**H**on'ble Speaker Sir,

When the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam took the reins of governance for the first time in the State in 1967, Perarignar Anna said: "This Government is dedicated to Thanthai Periyar". For the sixth time, the DMK Government has come to rule, and announcing in this House under Rule 110 with the Hon'ble Speaker's permission, a historically great statement of that Government hailing Periyar, the effulgent rationalist intellectual, I deem as a rare opportunity in my life and I am happy for it.

" I, E.V.Ramasamy have taken upon myself the service of correcting the Dravidian community and turning it into one that is imbibed with dignity and knowledge. That will be my sole work. Whether I have the qualification for taking up this task or not, as no one else has come forward to do that, I am continuing this service" . With this declaration, it was Thanthai Periyar who fought for this race and Country till he was 95 years old and carrying the urine pot.

Thanthai Periyar started the self-respect movement on the basis of the principle 'dignity and knowledge lend beauty to mankind' and went round this Country as a Teacher of wisdom to imbue people with a sense of dignity and knowledge. No one can copy the agitations he steered; any person will hesitate to replicate his writings; everyone will be afraid to deliver speeches like him. He considered the welfare of Tamils as that of his own and all that is inimical to Tamils as his own foe and opposed it. To mention about his travel, tours and the conferences he conducted and the agitations he launched, this House has to be adjourned for 10 days.

"There is no distinction between man and man; men and women are equal" – these two are his basic principles. Abolition of caste and enslavement of women were his two aims. He questioned everything that impeded these two. He questioned scientifically; he encouraged others to think like him.

Through his self-respect views, the Tamil race acquired the self-respect concept. It gained clarity of thought through his penetrating rationalism. It was his walking stick that opened the doors of social justice for people oppressed and suppressed through caste hegemony to attain eminence in education and job opportunities. If the seeds of social justice are sown all over India today and not only in Tamil Nadu, it is due to the foundation he laid.

The Indian Constitution was first amended due to him - one who had not stepped into Parliament at all. He never wished to enter the Assembly but a number of bills carrying his viewpoints were passed in this House. Only he had that wonderful ability to implement his ideas through another person.

Perarignar Anna who shaped us all said: “The Springtime of my life was when as a youth I went around with Thanthai Periyar.”

Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar wrote: “Paaraatti potri vandha pazhamai lokam/ Eerottu bhoogambathaal ediyuthu paar” (‘See the hailed world of antiquity falling apart due to the earthquake of Erode’). The Gurukulam wherefrom Perarignar Perunthagai and Thalaivar Kalaignar emerged was that of Periyar’s. The training in this Gurukulam created the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam which sowed politically revolutionary ideas in Tamil Nadu, captured power and now you are seeing the spectacle of the same policies getting implemented. No reformist movement in the world has attained this fame. Reformers would have harangued and departed; rulers would never have any idea of it. Only in Tamil Nadu, a reformist movement has turned into a political movement, bringing honour to that society through implementation of reformist ideas and giving them legal protection also.

Today’s Tamil Nadu is witness to the number of persons who got education, job opportunities and positions of power on account of him, and it is witness to women’s development and the upsurge of the oppressed sections. This seed was sown by Periyar; Perarignar Anna fertilized it; Kalaignar nurtured it; we have the duty to develop it into a big tree and protect it.

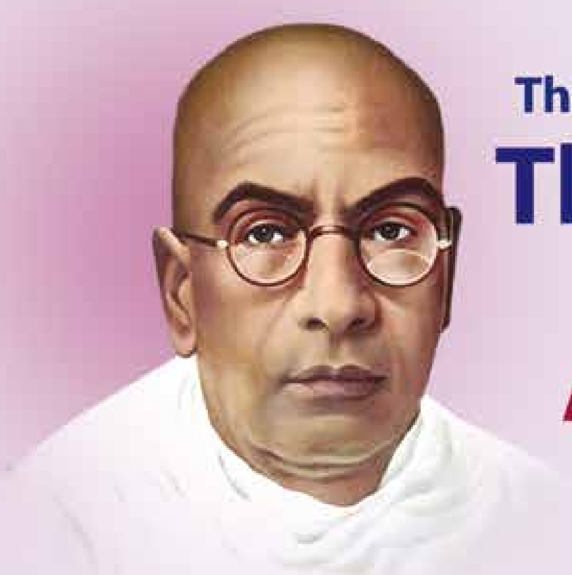
Thanthai Periyar brought out a policy based on self-respect, rationalism, equality, social justice and racial rights. That policy laid the foundation for this society’s growth in the last century; it is going to pave the way for the future.

The Government of Tamil Nadu has taken a decision to celebrate September 17th, the Birth Anniversary of ‘Arivaasaan’ Thanthai Periyar as a ‘Social Justice Day’ every year as a symbol of the perpetuation of this sentiment, feeling, upsurge and vision. We grew up in the light of Periyar’s wisdom and as a token of our gratitude, let us celebrate this day; let us throw out caste discrimination, untouchability atrocities and religious distinctions; let us respect women on the basis of equality. We have devised this oath with a view to plant this thought. We will take this oath every year on September 17th – from the Secretariat to all Government offices.

I wish to inform this House that the following oath will be taken:

“ I will regularly follow in my life the codes of equality as per the teaching of Thirukkural that ‘All human beings are equal by circumstances of birth’ and universality as taught by the Sangam poem ‘Yaadhum Oore Yaavarum Kelir’ (Every place is my place, all are my kinsfolk); my actions will be governed by self-respect and rationalistic vision; I dedicate myself to the policies of equality, fraternity and equity. Humanism and affection to humanity alone will actuate me. I affirm on this day to continue my journey to set up a society based on social justice’’.

When Thanthai Periyar passed away, the then Chief Minister Kalaignar said: “Thanthai Periyar has wound up his tours. But we will continue”. So, let us continue, continue and continue. Nandri! ■



## Thamizh Thendral

# Thiru.Vi.Ka's

## 138th Birth Anniversary

Today is Thamizh Thendral Thiru.Vi.Ka's 138th Birth Anniversary;
adopting pure Tamil style was his life breath;
one of the pioneers in trade union movement;
hailed Thanthai Periyar as 'Vaikom Veerar';
Thiru. Vi.Kalyanasundaranar is a savant who worked
for the development of Tamil society, let us always praise him!

***- Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu***
***Thiru. M.K. Stalin***

Hon'ble Ministers and high Government officials, on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu, paid floral tribute to the portrait of Thamizh Thendral Thiru. Vi.Kalyanasundaranar, placed near his statue in connection with his 138th Birth Anniversary at the Thiru.Vi.Ka. Library in Chettiyar Agaram, Maduravoyal, Chennai on 26.08.2021.

# Manimandapam for Iyothee Thassar

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin** under Rule 110 *(English Translation)*.

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He made the words Thamizhan and Dravidam markers of identity in the political arena. He was a multi-faceted person who was a writer, researcher, history Teacher, anthropological thinker, publisher, journalist, doctor, orator, linguistics expert, multi-linguist, heterodox thinker, organizer and tireless fighter. He lived between 1845 and 1914. This Government is proud to announce that a Manimandapam will be erected in North Chennai for him as a memorial on his 175$^{th}$ anniversary and by way of esteeming his intellect.

# Day of Sacrifice

Announcements of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin** honouring V.O.Chidambaranar on his 150$^{th}$ Birth Anniversary.

- The wooden oil press (chekku) drawn by V.O.Chidambaranar in prison, will be renovated at Gandhi Mandapam in Chennai and a bust size statue for him will be installed.
- The Melaperiya Cotton road in Thoothukudi will be re-named V.O. Chidambaranar road.
- At the V.O.Chidambaranar Park in Coimbatore, a life-size statue will be erected.
- The Ottapidaram 'Ninaivillam' in Thoothukudi and the 'Manimandapam' in Tirunelveli will be renovated and a sound and light spectacle will be set up to narrate his life.
- An animation film depicting V.O.C's life history will be released in the digital form.
- A new Chair will be created in V.O.C's name in the Nellai Manonmaniam Sundaranar University.
- An auditorium and a memorial gateway will be erected in the school in Tirunelveli where V.O.C. and Mahakavi Bharathiyar studied, at a cost of Rs.1.05 crore.
- An award - 'Kappalottiya Tamilan V.O.C. Virudhu' – will be given every year to a prominent Tamil in the marine sector.
- November 18, the day V.O.C. died will be declared as 'Day of Sacrifice' and observed as such.
- All Government buildings built this year in Thoothukudi and Tirunelveli will be named after V.O.C.
- The Transport Department will set up a photo exhibition in a bus, narrating the incidents in V.O.C's life and send the mobile exhibition to schools and colleges for the benefit of students.
- An online seminar on V.O.C. will be conducted through Tamil University.
- Books and manuscripts of V.O.C. will be uploaded on the Internet through Tamil Nigarnilai Kalvi Kazhagam.

September 11

# Meaningful measures to honour the Mahakavi in the year of his Death Centenary

Announcements of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** on 10.09.2021, in honour of the great poet Bharathi, in commemoration of his Death Centenary.

**"B**harathi is the foremost of poets! A singer rendered his song in musical melody. I was intoxicated by the strains of the song" (Paattukku oru pulavan Bharathiyada/Avan paattai pannodu paadinaanada/Athai kettu kirukiruthu ponenada), sang Kavimani Desika Vinayakam.

I wish to hail the greatness of that mighty poet Bharathi, who made many 'Kavimanis' like the above sing in his praise.

In my speech after hoisting the National Flag on the ramparts of the Fort on August 15, I pointed out that this year is the $100^{th}$ year of the demise of Mahakavi Bharathi. Bharathiyar, praised as Mahakavi, has left for Tamil society, poems and songs that will pulsate with life even after 1,000 years, let alone 100 years.

Pavendar Bharathidasan waxes strongly in admiration for the Mahakavi in his poem which begins with the words, 'Painthamizh Therpaagan' :

"He is the charioteer of evergreen Tamil.

A bee that drinks the nectar of Tamil.

Father of the Sindhu verse.

A cuckoo that warbles poetry.

The drumbeat that overturns those who seek to overturn our Country!

The singing moon that awakens the Country from its long slumber!

The King of Poesy who with his camphor-like words spread fragrance in the woods!

A fount of inspiration and treasury of tales!

A warrior who came to sing of bravery.

A savant who came to declare a new law.

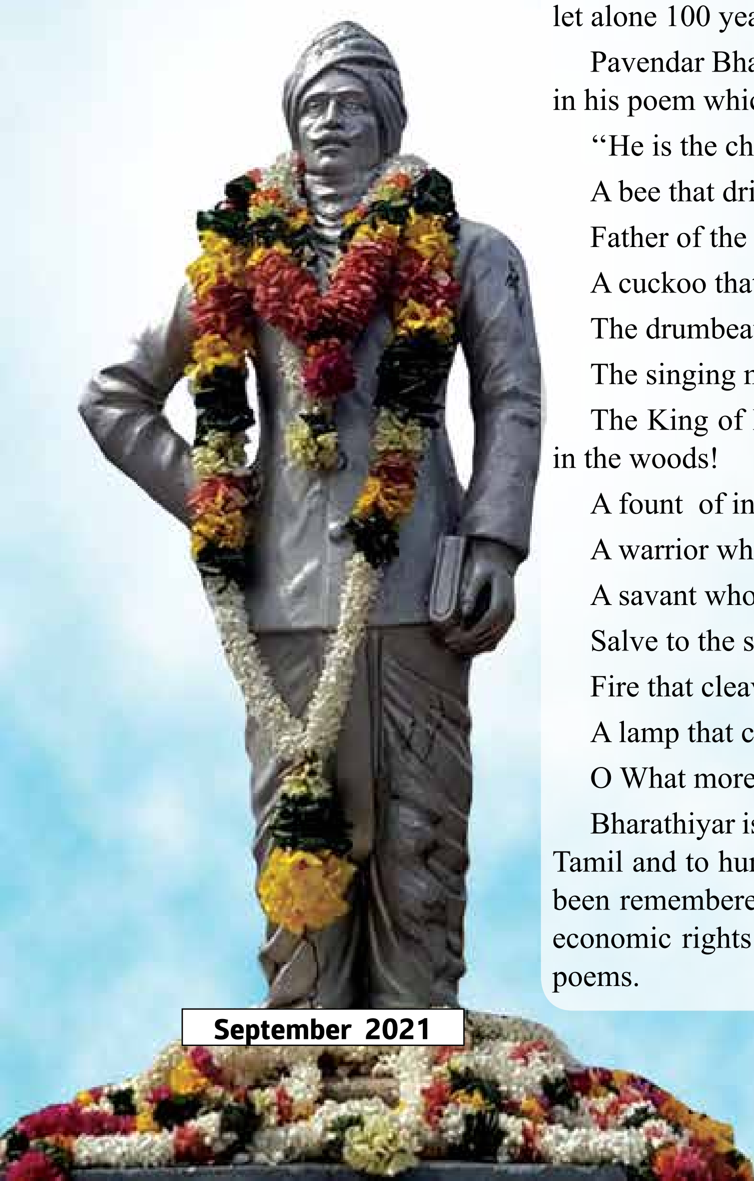
Salve to the spreading rash of casteism.

Fire that cleaving creeds cannot approach.

A lamp that cannot be extinguished by aliens.

O What more can I say, what more can I say!"

Bharathiyar is an amalgam of devotions – devotion to Nation, to God, to Tamil and to humanity. If he was a freedom fighter alone, he would have been remembered only for that. He went beyond that and wrote for socio economic rights also, that is why he still lives with us in the lines of his poems.



When the debate was going on whether Bharathiyar was an inspired poet ('Varakavi') or a Mahakavi or a Nationalist Poet, Perarignar Anna wrote and started talking about him as 'People's Poet' even in 1947.

Anna wrote that Bharathiyar tried to bring about a New Era when the Country was wedged between landlordism and Sanathanism.

That is why when Thalaivar Kalaignar became Chief Minister in the DMK rule, the house where Bharathiyar was born in Ettayapuram was purchased on behalf of the Government and was converted into a 'Ninaivillam'. At a function held on 12.05.1973 and presided over by the then Minister, the respected C.P. Aditanar, Chief Minister Kalaignar declared Bharathiyar's house as a historic monument and opened it as such.

As a continuation of it, I make the following 14 important announcements by way of honouring Bharathiyar's memory on his Centenary Anniversary.

- September 11, the day Mahakavi Bharathiyar died, will hereafter be observed on behalf of the Government as 'Mahakavi Day' every year. In connection with the observance, a competition in writing poems will be conducted at the State level for school and college students and a 'Bharathi Ilankavignar Virudhu' with Rs. One lakh as prize money will be given to the best boy and girl student.
- Selected poems and essays of Bharathiyar will be compiled into a book under the title 'Manadhil Uruthi Vendum' and distributed to 37 lakh students of Government and aided schools at an expenditure of Rs.10 crore.
- Many research scholars have done outstanding research on the life and works of Mahakavi Bharathiyar. Among them, the Government proposes to honour late P. Thooran, R.A. Padmanabhan, T.M.C. Ragunathan and Elasai Manian by presenting their families Rs.3 lakh, each, an award and a citation. Senior researcher Thiru. Seeni. Viswanathan and Prof. Y. Manikandan will be honoured in a similar way.
- Arrangements will be made for production of Bharathiyar statues and artefacts embossed with his figure through Poompuhar Stores. They will be marketed at reduced prices.
- Bharathiyar's manuscripts will be collected, compiled and published without changes. For children to learn about the life of Bharathiyar, pictorial books will be brought out. His 100 best poems will be brought out in a book form with pictures drawn by famous artists. Moreover, Bharathiyar's works and important research works on him will be translated and published in English.
- A separate section 'Bharathi Iyal' will be set up to compile the works of Bharathiyar and the research works on him for handing them over to the Ninaivu Illams set up at Ettayapuram and Tiruvallikeni, Anna Centenary Library, Chennai and to be placed at the Kalaignar Memorial Library to be set up at Madurai.
- Events on Bharathi will be conducted under the title 'Paarengum Bharathi' by co-ordinating world Tamil Sangams.
- A music performance 'Thiraiyil Bharathi', to render Bharathi songs played in films will be conducted in Nehru indoor stadium after the Corona pandemic subsides totally.
- In connection with Bharathiyar's Centenary Anniversary, the Information Department will conduct a weekly programme at Bharathiyar Ninaivu Illam, Chennai for one year.
- A Chair in the name of Bharathiyar will be set up at Bharathidasan University, Tiruchi.
- Government will extend financial assistance to maintain the house in Benaras, Uttar Pradesh, where Bharathiyar lived.
- Steps will be taken to produce documentaries of Bharathiyar's works and to prepare the works in drama format by lending financial assistance. They will be released through modern media.
- The emotional lines of Bharathiyar's songs will be propagated by displaying and illustrating them in schools, colleges and bus stands.
- The Women Self Help Groups' Livelihood Park, to be implemented by the Rural Development Department will be named after Bharathiyar as 'Mahakavi Bharathiyar Livelihood Park' as he stressed upon women's education and leadership.

Let us praise Pulavan Bharathi who lived with the inspiration that the word is God and the pen that writes the word is God, and showed us a new path. ■

# Tamil Nadu hails Mahakavi Bharathiyar for giving moving songs to the Tamil Language, Tamils and Tamil Nadu

Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin** at the Bharathiyar memorial centenary inaugural function organized by the Vanavil Cultural Centre, Chennai on 12.09.2021 *(English Translation).*

Dear Hon'ble Minister of State of the Union Government Thiru. Arjun Ram Meghwal, Hon'ble Ministers Thiru. Ponmudi and Thiru. Sekarbabu, Founder of Vanavil Cultural Centre Dear Thiru. Vanavil K.Ravi, Vice Chancellor of Dr. M.G.R. Tamil Nadu Medical University, Dr. Sudha Seshayyan, executives of Vanavil Cultural Centre Va.Ve.Su., Kalaimamani Shobana Ramesh, Senior Advocate Thiru. Gandhi, my respected 'sollin selvar' Suki Sivam, famous musicians Tmt. Aruna Sairam, Tmt. Anuradha Sriram, Music Director Thiru. Arun Prakash, Vanavil Cultural Centre's administrators, friends, elders and scholars – my affectionate greetings to all of you.

'Puratchi Kavignar' Bharathidasan wrote: When Tamil Nadu was engaged in penance yearning for a leader who would give due eminence to the Tamil language, the brilliant Bharathi Pulavan appeared. We are celebrating a function organized by the Vanavil Cultural Centre with enthusiasm, excellence and emotion, to honour the greatness of 'Perumpulavan' Bharathi.

The name of your organization is Vanavil Cultural Centre. The number of hues in the Vanavil (rainbow) are seven. But the tints and thoughts of Bharathi cannot be compressed into the number seven. Bharathi entertains several thousand thoughts. Those thoughts are uncontrollable and free. Since even British imperialism could not quell his thoughts, we are celebrating him today.

Bharathiyar questioned all types of oppression – whether it be of family, caste, religion or Government.

During my speech as Chief Minister after hoisting the National Flag on August 15 on the ramparts of the Fort, I said a hundred years have passed since the demise of Mahakavi Bharathiyar and pointed out that the current year is the centenary year of his passing.

Though Bharathi is no more, his verses will not fade away; they will live in the hearts of people. Even if his printed publications disappear, they can be revived from the hearts of the people. Bharathi's works have such strength.

His Pudhiya 'Aathichoodi' which says Desist from fear, Strengthen the body, Walk like a bull, Challenge cruelty Honour the brave, Decry astrology, Realize your divinity, Don't hail corpses, Welcome innovations, Learn martial arts are capable of inspiring and energizing people even after many centuries. That is why Perarignar Anna hailed him as a 'People's Poet', in 1947 itself.

Bharathi's path is a new path. It is a path laid out to the city of egalitarianism. He not only desired to drive out the white man but to drive out all the ills of the Nation and bring about a new social order, that is Bharathi's path.

"We will laud that new path", wrote Perarignar Anna in 1947 and he spoke the same over All India Radio also.

That is why when Thalaivar Kalaignar became Chief Minister after DMK formed the Government, he purchased on behalf of the Government, the house where Bharathiyar was born in Ettayapuram and made it his 'Ninaivu Illam' and bestowed him honour. At a function held on 12.05.1973 with the then Minister respected S.P. Adhitanar presiding, Kalaignar declared open Bharathiyar's house as a historic monument.

In continuation, I made 14 important announcements on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu the day before yesterday by way of honouring the memory of Bharathiyar.

We have announced on behalf of the Government the anniversary day of Mahakavi Bharathi, September 11, as 'Mahakavi Day.' We propose to present 'Bharathi Ilangkavignar Virudhu' with a cash of Rs.1 lakh to a boy student and a girl student by holding poetry writing competitions for school and college students. Selected works of Bharathi will be compiled and published as a book by the Government. It will be distributed to 37 lakh school students. As a memento to P. Thooran, R.A. Padmanabhan, T.M.C. Ragunathan and Elasai Manian, Bharathi researchers, a purse is proposed to be given to their families. It is also proposed to be given to 'Periyavar' Seeni. Viswanathan and Prof. Y. Manikandan, who retrieved Bharathi's works. Poompuhar art gallery will produce Bharathi statues. Chief Minister Kalaignar admired Bharathi's handwriting and said in his speech after declaring open Bharathi Illam in 1973, that it was like letters in print, small and beautiful. Those manuscripts will be compiled wholly and published as they are. Bharathi's poems will be published pictorially with the illustrations of famous artists. Important research works on Bharathi will be translated into English and published. Compiled Bharathi's works will be placed in Bharathi Illams at Ettayapuram and Tiruvallikeni. A separate 'Bharathi Iyal' division will be created in the Anna Centenary Library at Chennai and in the proposed Kalaignar Memorial Library at Madurai. An event 'Paarengum Bharathi' will be conducted by co-ordinating the Tamil Sangams all over the world. A music performance, 'Thiraiyil Bharathi', will be held shortly, by performing his songs used by the film world. A weekly programme will be held at the Bharathi Ninaivu Illam, Chennai for a year. A Chair will be created in the Bharathidasan University, Tiruchi. Financial assistance will be provided for the maintenance of the house where Bharathi lived in Benaras. For making short films on Bharathi's works also, financial assistance will be provided. Bharathi's poems will be displayed at schools, colleges and bus-stands with illustrations. The Women Self Help Groups Livelihood Park will be named after Bharathi. Like these, the Government of Tamil Nadu has made many announcements.

I have stated, 'This is not my Government; it is ours'. We have stated this Government will not be a party's Government but a Government that stands for a principle, for a race. In that way, Tamil Nadu praises Mahakavi Bharathi for giving moving songs to the Tamil language, to Tamils and to Tamil Nadu.

The DMK has never forgotten to praise the 'thiyagis' of the freedom struggle, to respect the 'thiyagis' who fought for the rights of the Tamil language and to honour the heroes of the battle to retain the borders of the State. Listing it will be a lengthy exercise.

Last week I made announcements connected with the 150th Birth Anniversary of 'Kappalottiya Thamizhan' V.O. Chidambaranar.' The DMK Government was providing financial assistance to Bharathi's friend Parali. Su. Nellaiappar. In that way, the Government of Tamil Nadu has taken up the Bharathi memorial centenary event also.

Bharathi is praised because his ideas fulfill the needs beyond the constraints of Time.

Bharathi is needed today to say ‘Let us declare that the words of the Tamilmagal, that there are only two castes, are like nectar’.

Even today we need the Bharathi who said, ‘You who say there are a hundred castes, go, go, go away’.

Even today we need Bharathi to chastise us with the words, ‘Unity gives life; disunity will lead to downfall’.

Even today we need the Bharathi who declared majestically that we will not regard religions and castes.

Bharathi is needed even today to declare that India belongs wholly to the entire population of 30 crore people.

We need a Bharathi even today to sing in a frenzy that ‘among the languages we know, there is no language anywhere as sweet as Tamil’.

We need the fraternity of a Bharathi who sings in praise of Jesus Christ and ends with the chant, Om Sakthi!

We need the broad heartedness of Bharathi who sings a song for Allah in the Sankarabharanam raga.

For the health and safety of our environment, we need a Bharathi who declared ‘crows and sparrows belong to our caste; the sea and mountain are part of our crowd’ .

These are the many Bharathis we need today also. It is the need of the hour. Love, wisdom, education and Justice – Bharathi desired only these four. These are the basis of all his poems. Bharathi felt that those with these four qualities are superior people; others are of lower strata. To create such superior beings, institutions like Vanavil Cultural Centre should put in more excellent efforts. Assuring you that the Government headed by the DMK will support such efforts, I take leave of you hailing ‘Vaazhga Bharathi, Bharathi!

Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** wrote a note and signed in the visitor’s book and released pamphlets on Bharathiyar’s life, brought out by the Information and Public Relations Department, at the inaugural function of Mahakavi Bharathiyar memorial centenary held at the Bharathiyar Ninaivu Illam, Tiruvallikeni on 12.09.2021.

Perarignar

# Anna's

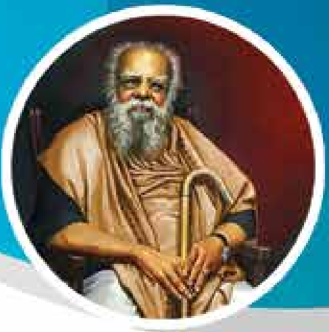
## 113th Birth Anniversary

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** paid floral tribute to the portrait of Perarignar Anna placed near his statue at Anna Salai, Chennai, to mark the 113th Birth Anniversary of Perarignar Anna, on 15.09.2021.

# Dravidian light of lights

The affectionate ruler of Tamil Nadu,
A baton of Periyar's values;
The fire of rationalism that scorched the thousand-year-old Arya Mayai;
The Tamil spear that pierced Hindi imposition;
The Dravidian beacon light that spellbound Delhi,
on the 113th Birth Anniversary of Perarignar Anna,
Let us take a pledge to
Break barriers and make the Tamils advance.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
**Thiru. M.K. Stalin**

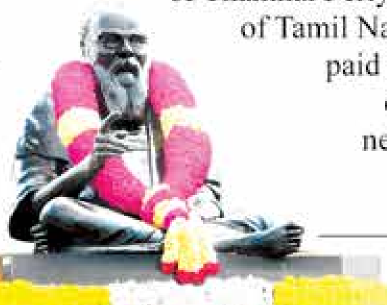


## September 17, the Birth Anniversary of Thanthai Periyar

# 'Social Justice Day'

Under the leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru.M.K. Stalin**, Social Justice Day pledge was taken at the Secretariat, Chennai on 17.09.2021 in connection with Thanthai Periyar's Birth Anniversary.

On the occasion of the 143rd Birth Anniversary of Thanthai Periyar, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** paid floral tribute to the portrait of Thanthai Periyar placed near his statue at Anna Salai on 17.09.2021.



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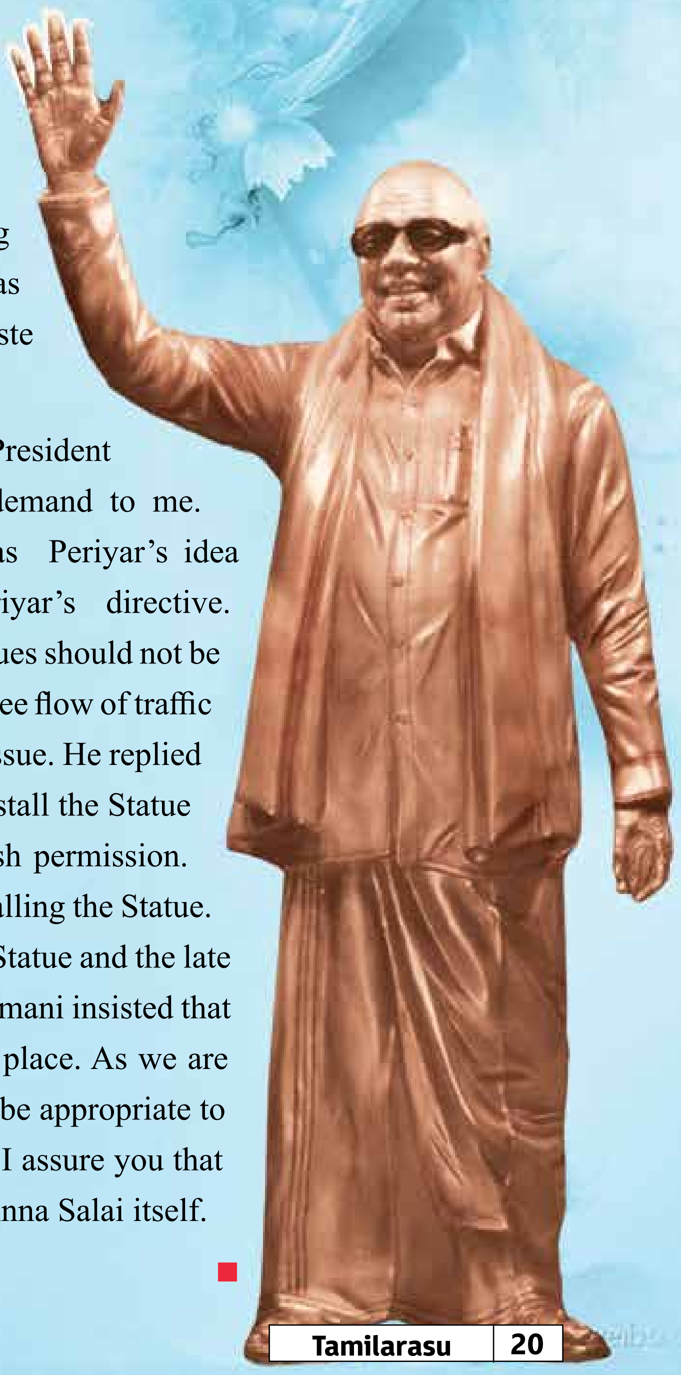
# 'Kalaignar's statue will be re-installed in Anna Salai'

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** gives assurance on installation of the Statue of Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar in Anna Salai.

Hon'ble Member Thiru. T.K.G.Neelamegam, made a point before concluding his speech. He said that on behalf of Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam, a Statue of Thalaivar Kalaignar had been installed on Anna Salai in recognition of his fulfillment of Periyar's ideals after getting due permission. You all know how the Statue was removed from that place. I don't want to waste time by going into the details of the issue.



A few days back, Dravida Kazhagam President K.Veeramani met me and placed a similar demand to me. He said that the installation of the Statue was Periyar's idea and the Dravida Kazhagam fulfilled Periyar's directive. I told him that according to a Court verdict, Statues should not be installed in public places as they would hinder free flow of traffic and explained to him the legal problems in the issue. He replied that already permission had been obtained to install the Statue at that place and there was no need to get fresh permission. There would not be any legal problem in re-installing the Statue. Not only that, there is a Periyar statue, an Anna Statue and the late M.G.R's Statue on Anna Salai. So, Thiru. Veeramani insisted that Thalaivar's Statue should be reinstalled at that place. As we are bound to obey the Court's order, I feel it would be appropriate to consult legal experts about the issue. However, I assure you that the Statue of Kalaignar will be re-installed in Anna Salai itself.

# Ramasamy Padayachiyar: A matchless leader who fought for social justice

Ramasamy Padayachiyar was a social justice activist and a freedom fighter who sacrificed his life for the welfare of people. He was born in South Arcot District, now known as Cuddalore District, on September 16, 1918. He was elected to the Tamil Nadu Assembly from Cuddalore Constituency in 1952 and to the Lok Sabha from Tindivanam Constituency in the 1980 and 1984 Elections. Ramasamy Padayachiyar was a Local Administration Minister in the Tamil Nadu Cabinet from 1954 to 1957 when the late Kamaraj was the Chief Minister. Apart from welfare activities, Ramasamy Padayachiyar worked for Social Justice.

Similarly, for the first time, he proposed a resolution in the Toilers Party Conference, demanding 20 per cent reservation for Vanniyars in the State and 2 per cent at the Centre. Ramasamy Padayachiyar died on April 3, 1992 due to ill-health. His Birth Anniversary on September 16 is celebrated as a Government function every year by the Tamil Nadu Government. ■

## News in Picture

In connection with the 104th Birth Anniversary of Ramasamy Padayachiyar, on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Government, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare Thiru. M.R.K.Panneerselvam, Hon'ble Minister for Medical and Family Welfare Thiru. Ma.Subramanian, MPs and MLAs, Secretary for Tamil Development and Information Department Thiru. Mahesan Kasirajan I.A.S., and Director of Information and Public Relations Dr. V.P. Jeyaseelan I.A.S., offered floral tribute to his portrait placed near his Statue at Guindy on 16.09.2021.

# 389 teachers conferred Best Teacher award

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** handed over Dr.Radhakrishnan Awards to Best Teachers on 05.09.2021.

Teachers' Day is being celebrated every year on September 5 to commemorate the Birth Anniversary of the former President of India, Dr.S. Radhakrishnan. On this occasion, the "Dr.Radhakrishnan Award" is given to the Best Teachers. The Award consists of a cheque for Rs. 10,000, a Silver Medallion and a Commendation Certificate.

For the Academic Year 2020-2021, 379 Teachers from various schools and 10 Teachers from State Council for Educational Research and Training, totally 389, were selected and conferred the "Dr. Radhakrishnan Award" for Best Teacher.

As a token of the award distribution, the Hon'ble Chief Minister honoured 15 selected Teachers by handing over the awards to them at the Secretariat.

# Hon'ble Chief Minister lauds Teachers, underlines great responsibility that rests on their shoulders

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** interacted with Teachers selected for Dr.Radhakrishnan Award for Best Teacher for the academic Year 2020-2021, through video conferencing from camp office, on 08.09.2021 *(English Translation)*.

One feels happy to participate in some functions. Some functions make one emotional. But in the present function I am both happy and moved.

Teachers should be respected. Teachers remain Teachers for students even after their studies are over. This function has been organized to honour and felicitate the respected Teachers who have won the Dr.Radhakrishnan Best Teacher Award.

It is known to everybody that since 1962, every year September 5, the Birth Anniversary of former President Dr.S.Radhakrishnan, has been celebrated as Teachers Day. But in Tamil Nadu, it was Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar, who introduced the Dr.Radhakrishnan Award from 1997 for the best selected Teachers.

Kalaignar, during his rule, had not only conceived many welfare schemes for Teachers but also organized functions and honoured them. The present Government is a continuation of Kalaignar's Government. **I am really happy to participate in the function, where 171 Primary/ Middle School Teachers, 171 High/Higher Secondary School Teachers, 33 Matric School Teachers, 2 Teachers belonging to Anglo-Indian Schools and 2 Differently- Abled Teachers and 10 Teachers belonging to State Educational Research and Training Institute, totally 389, are being honoured with the Best Teacher Award.**

The Award winner is given a cash prize of Rs. 10,000, a silver medallion worth Rs. 2,500 and a Commendation Certificate.

As far as the DMK Government is concerned, whenever it comes to power, it shows special interest in the welfare of Teachers. You all know that the DMK Government had announced and implemented many welfare schemes for Teachers. I would like to point out some of the welfare schemes here.

After coming to power in the State in 2006, the DMK Government regularized the services of 53,005 Teachers from 01.06.2006. They had been on consolidated pay till then.

It was Kalaignar who declared the Birth Anniversary of the late Kamarajar as Education Development Day. It is being celebrated every year. Again it was Dr.Kalaignar who introduced the revolutionary Equitable Education (Samacheer Kalvi), where all four streams of education, namely State Board, Matriculation, Anglo-Indian and Oriental Schools – were integrated. The Equitable Education System was introduced from the year 2010 in schools, making the dream of education a reality for rural students.

The law to make the Tamil language a compulsory subject from First Standard to 10th standard was introduced. Taking into consideration the golden words of Anna that if Teachers have any grievance, it would affect education, the Government introduced Selection Grade and Special Grade, made Diploma in Pulavar equivalent to B.Ed Degree, created Family Protection Fund, Marriage Loan, Housing Loan and 30 years of service enough for full pension benefit.

It is the duty of Teachers to make the community of students progress, ensure that they do not swerve from moral values and to make them guides of society. Teachers, who have taken up the task of removing the ignorance of children, are all to be commended.

My sincere good wishes to all Teachers, who are implementing new Government schemes formulated with an understanding of the importance of education, such as ‘education for all’, ‘creative education’, ‘activity-based learning’ and ‘education for all up to middle-school level’ .

**It was Teachers who were responsible for shaping Missile Man Abdul Kalam, Intellectual Genius Dr.Ambedkar and Uthamar Gandhi Adigal. There are thousands of Radhakrishnans, Ambedkars, and Abdul Kalams in the Country, who remain invisible. It is the responsibility of Teachers to bring them to the fore.**

**Teachers are the only community who feel proud to celebrate the success of their students.**

After the incidence of Corona, the attention of parents has turned towards Government schools. Teachers should capitalize on it by strengthening this attitude. You should organize frequent meetings of school improvement committees and parent-Teacher associations, invite parents to school functions and also interact with them.

Apart from educational classes, Teachers should organize sports activities, cultural meetings, literary meetings, language skill and spoken English classes. When you organize guidance meetings for higher education and employment, you should invite the parents also for the meetings. I have full confidence that you will accomplish this task.

In the current budget, Rs. 32,599.54 crore has been allotted for education, the maximum for any Department. Despite heavy allotment, a dark shadow has fallen on the Government schools in the last 10 years. One feels that some significant steps are necessary to improve the condition of Government schools. Former students associations, along with institutions,

having social responsibility, should mobilize funds for improving the infrastructure of schools. They should also include parent representatives in managing the infrastructure.

During the current Corona pandemic, many Teachers visited the homes of students and taught them. This approach should be spread to all villages to compensate for the loss of educational days. The Government is planning to start a movement for this. As Chief Minister, I appeal to Teachers to come forward to spearhead the movement.

Intellectuals say that we are in the midst of the fourth industrial revolution. We should impart education through high tech labs to match the situation. A heavy responsibility rests on the shoulders of Teachers to take all these things to the last student in society.

Apart from studies, a student's knowledge improves when he visits a library and reads a book of his choice, poems and articles. His creative talents and intellectual thinking improve.

The creation of an intellectual society should start from the classroom itself. Students should go beyond the syllabus and read widely.

Thanthai Periyar, Perarignar Anna and Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar elevated themselves by reading and discussing things. To create such leaders, Teachers like you should encourage students to go to libraries and read books.

Students from the State should work to become famous not only at the Country level but at International level. Once again I congratulate you for winning the award and wish you good luck.

## News in Picture

### Release of pamphlets on life of 'Kappalottiya Thamizhan' V.O.Chidambaranar

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** released a pamphlet (Tamil and English) on V.O.Chidambaranar, brought out by the Information and Public Relations Department, at the Chennai Harbour Complex on Rajaji Salai, on 05.09.2021 in connection with the 150th Birth Anniversary of V.O.C.

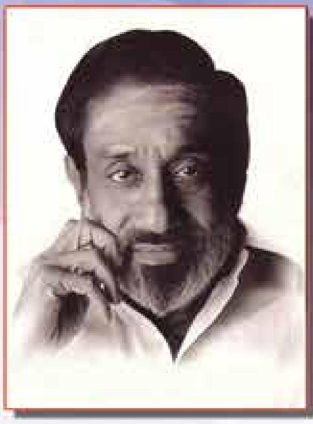
# When Madurai marked a momentous change

Hundred years ago on 22nd September 1921, Gandhi made a momentous decision to change his attire. From the elaborate Gujarati attire, he decided on a simple dhoti and shawl. This epoch-making decision was taken by Gandhiji in Madurai after he decided that he has to work for and with the poor people of India and how can he identify with them if he wears different clothes from them. He stuck to this dress code even on his trip abroad and until his very last moment! And he never regretted his decision as he writes:

*"All the alterations I have made in my course of life have been effected by momentous occasions; and they have been made after such a deep deliberation that I have hardly had to regret them. And I did them, as I could not help doing them. Such a radical alteration in my dress, I effected in Madura".*

Gandhiji's desire to identify himself with the poor masses was not a momentary decision. He had been contemplating about it for a long time. On two earlier occasions, he had thought of donning the common man's clothes but it was ultimately in Madurai (Tamil Nadu) where he finally took the plunge of adopting the attire of a poor peasant. He remarked later that it was Madurai that gave him the necessary strength to take a decision on his clothing though, on a couple of occasions earlier, he came closer but could not fully adopt this attire. The Mahatma said *Madurai gave him necessary strength to shed his traditional attire for 'loincloth' at last*.

Gandhi describes the incident that forced him to shed his formal attire: *"On the way (from Madras – now Chennai - to Madurai by train) I saw in our compartment crowds that were wholly unconcerned with what had happened. Almost without exception they were bedecked in foreign fineries. I entered into conversation with some of them and pleaded for Khadi. 'They shook their heads as they said, 'We are too poor to buy Khadi and it is so dear.' I realized the substratum of truth behind the remark. I had my vest, cap and full dhoti on. When these uttered only partial truth, the millions of compulsorily naked men, save for their langoti four inches wide and nearly as many feet long, gave through their limbs the naked truth. What effective answer could I give them, if it was not to divest myself of every inch of clothing I decently could and thus to a still greater extent bring my-self in line with ill-clad masses? And this I did the very next morning after the Madura meeting".*



## October 1: Birth Anniversary of 'Nadigar Thilagam' Sivaji Ganesan

# 'Sivaji has become a part of me'

I had rendered a 'Purananooru' poem in simple Tamil. The poem narrates how a mother rushes to the battlefield determined to chop off her breast after hearing of the death of her son in a cowardly manner. But she finds that her son had died receiving wounds on the chest. She searches for the person who had lied to her.

My dear friend Sivaji Ganesan breathed life into those poetic lines and spread them from every stage. It is Sivaji, my dearest friend, who is capable of becoming the embodiment of Tamil and Tamil prose, who is capable of bringing life to the character he plays. He has merged with me and is still with me. It is he who gave life to every line of my rendering and saved it. I am part of his family and I share the happiness with whoever is happy there.

Many events rolled by after that in the fields of politics and arts. But in our friendship, no event stood between us. Events made our friendship blossom further and never posed a hurdle. Installation of his Statue is a victory for our determination; for the affection between me and Sivaji. Sivaji Vaazhga, Vaazhga!.

-From the speech of Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar on 21.07.2006 during the unveiling of the statue of 'Nadigar Thilagam' Sivaji Ganesan.

## October 30: Birth Anniversary of Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar

# A divine leader

If Thevar's speeches on spirituality cause wonderment, some of his actions caused amazement.

Once, he was delivering a speech at Aduthurai. There were at least 30,000 people listening to his speech with rapt attention. Suddenly, there was a commotion in the crowd and there was a loud cry about a snake in their midst. Seeing the crowd swaying this way and that, Thevar spoke in a loud voice in the mike: "No one need fear about the entry of a snake into the gathering. Adhiseshan himself has come to listen to my speech. Leave some space for the snake to go and keep quiet. It will not harm anyone. It will come straight to me, hear the speech for some time and leave on its own."

Without running away, the crowd broke into two halves leaving a gap of 5 ft. in between for the snake to move. In that big crowd, the snake used the gap to position itself in front of Thevar, who was standing and delivering the speech. With its hood unfurled, the snake listened to the speech for some time and then disappeared without leaving any trace of the direction of its exit.

The whole crowd praised Thevar in unison saying he was not a human being but a God in human form; and that Thevar was a Divine Leader.

-courtesy, from the book *'Mudisoodaa Mannar Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar'*.

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# ‘Our Government is one that takes immediate action against criminals without any partiality’

Reply of the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru.M.K.Stalin** to discussion on Demands for the Police Department and the Fire and Rescue Services Department *(English Translation)*.

Hon’ble Speaker Sir,

For the sixth time, the DMK has formed the Government in the State, thereby giving me an opportunity as Chief Minister to reply to the discussions on the Police Department and express my sincere thanks to the Members for giving good suggestions through their discussions.

Hon’ble Minister for Water Resources Thiru. Duraimurugan, who is sitting by my side, was the first to start the discussions on various demands of the Departments. The discussions went around various Ministries and have now come to me.

The present Government is a continuation of the previous Kazhagam Government; it will continue to implement various schemes brought out by the previous DMK Government.

In society, the Police have been given the task of maintaining law and order. In a Country where the law and order is properly maintained, the laws are accepted and followed properly and society functions normally.

One should take into account the words of Thomas Jefferson and Mahatma Gandhi that when a law is unjust, it is our right to disobey.

Hon'ble Chief Minister Arignar Anna, while replying to the demands for the Police Department in the Assembly on 05.07.1967, described 3 important principles for the Police Department. "For our society, the Police Department should be capable. If the Department lacks the capability, then it should be provided the necessary facilities to develop capability. No one should try to meddle in the affairs of the department and try to use it to his/her advantage".

Dr.Kalaignar, when he was the Hon'ble Chief Minister, said on 15.03.1969 that the Police force reflected the society from which its Members were selected. If the Police force functions well, it reflects the character of the society. Similarly, if there is any fault in the functioning of the Police, then it shows the defects of that society.

As far as the DMK Government is concerned, whether it is in power or in the opposition, it always works for the welfare of the Police. This is my first reply to the demand for the Police Department, though on 20.07.2009 and 10.05.2010, I replied as Deputy Chief Minister on behalf of Muthamizh Arignar, accepting his orders.

I would like to mention here that I learnt lessons from Dr.Kalaignar. The current reply to the demands is only the continuation of the comments I had made while speaking on the demands for the Police Department as the Opposition Leader in the Assembly on 07.07.2017 and 26.06.2018.

Dr.Kalaignar, who took over the reins of the Government after Perarignar Anna, faithfully followed the footsteps of Anna and tried to implement these 3 principles to bring a renaissance in the Department. In the past, the DMK Government created many records. With these records in mind, I am replying to the demands now.

**Today many reputed newspapers, English Magazines, National and Regional newspapers have complimented the present Government.** I would like to register their comments in the Assembly today.

The world famous 'Economist' in its issue on July 3 brought out an article praising the activities of my Government. 'Frontline' of the Hindu Group has brought out articles in the last few months, Headlined 'Action from Day 1', 'Panel for Progress', 'Free Rides for Women Empowerment', lauding the functioning of this Government.

The Week magazine, pointing out the performance of the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister

and his colleagues, said, 'Rising Sun Never Sets'.

'India Today' (August 2 issue), on the completion of 100 days by this Government, called it a 'Solid Start', adding that there is 'a refreshing focus on efficiency and transparent governance'. 'Hindustan Times' said '100 Days of DMK: Activities of HR and CE are back to life'.

Daily Thanthi wrote an editorial in its issue on July 14 titled, 'Dravidian Model of Growth Brought forward by M. K. Stalin'.

This is how the Government is progressing as complimented by magazines and newspapers from Tamil Nadu, other States and Delhi.

Ministers, in their replies to the discussions on demands pertaining to their Ministries, spoke about the things this Government has got. But as far as the Home Ministry is concerned, I would like to mention the things that are not there. There is no violence, there are no caste clashes, there is no communal disharmony, no Police firing and no anarchy. This is the biggest achievement of the present Government. We have laid the foundation for the people of Tamil Nadu to lead a peaceful life. For this, I would like to thank the Police force from Police officers to the last grade constable, for creating such a peaceful situation.

Especially during COVID pandemic, Policemen worked round-the-clock without taking a day's leave and there are no words to describe their sacrifice. But to express our gratitude, we sanctioned Rs. 25 lakh to them.

**This Government has given Rs. 5000 to each Policeman as Corona Relief. For this the Government allotted Rs. 58.27 crore. As Policemen worked without taking a day's leave, the Government sanctioned a weekly off to them. 968 Sub-Inspectors have been issued appointment orders. I have laid the foundation stone for an Integrated Cyber Crime Training Centre at a cost of Rs.10 crore. On behalf of the Forensic Department, appointment orders have been issued to 62 Junior Scientific Assistant posts.**

Before the Assembly election, I toured all the Assembly Constituencies in the State and received petitions. I assured the people at that time that I would find solutions to the petitions within 100 days. Among the petitions received, 1,496 petitions pertained to the Home Ministry. I am happy to inform you that all these petitions have been cleared.

The DMK Government always shows special interest in looking after the welfare of Policemen. Every time the party comes to power, it implements various welfare schemes to remove

their worries. To modernize the Police force, we set up the First Police Commission in 1969, Second Police Commission in 1989 and the Third Commission in 2006. It was Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar who implemented the commissions' recommendations.

It was Kalaignar in the year 1971, who started a computer wing in the Police Department and instituted Anna Medal for Policemen. By following him, **I would like to inform you that the present Government will soon set up a Police Commission.**

In the Election manifesto, the party gave various assurances. They will surely be implemented in phases. On some of the important assurances, the party has taken positive steps.

We have assured that the cases against those who participated in agitations against the Citizenship Amendment Act, Farmers Act, Salem 8-way Highway, Koodankulam Atomic Power Plant, Methane, Neutrino and Hydrocarbon plants will be withdrawn and so far 5,570 cases have been withdrawn.

In the anti-Sterlite Case in Thoothukudi on 22.05.2018, 13 persons were killed in Police firing. 36 cases were filed against innocent people and they have all been withdrawn. 93 persons who were implicated in various cases have been given Rs.1 lakh each as compensation. Descendants of those who died in the stir and those who were injured have been given appointments based on their educational qualifications.

The term of the Commission which is enquiring into the Thoothukudi Police firing was extended by the previous Government. As soon as the present Government came to power, the Government got the interim report of the Commission. It directed the Commission to submit its final report before February 22. Further steps will be taken after getting the final report.

As far as the Pollachi Sexual harassment and violence case is concerned, the CBI is investigating. As soon as the DMK Government came to power, it appointed Tmt. Mutharasi, SP, CBCID, to provide relief to the affected women and to ensure punishment to the criminals. The Government is fully co-operating to conclude the case at the earliest. The Justice Arumugasamy Commission, which is enquiring into the 'mystery' behind the death of Jayalalithaa Ammaiyar has been asked to submit its report at the earliest.

Based on the complaints received by the Anti-Corruption directorate, enquiries are being conducted in a phased manner. All these are our pre-poll assurances given by the party.

Taking into consideration the changing crime scenario and security of the people, the Government has decided to rationalize the Police Department in big cities like in Greater Chennai. In this regard, two new Police Commissionerates with headquarters at Avadi and Tambaram will be set up.

In connection with the Arignar Anna Birth Anniversary on 15th September, 700 life-term prisoners, who have been undergoing imprisonment for a long time, will be released, subject to rules and conditions. Soon a Government Order will be issued in this connection.

Ten new Police Stations will be set up based on population and requirement of people. Four new Fire Service and Rescue Operation Stations will be opened for quick fire-fighting operations by the Department.

As far as this Government is concerned, I have issued strict instructions to the Police to take quick action against criminals, irrespective of their caste, community, race, language and party affiliation. Based on that, action was taken against a private school Teacher when we received a sexual harassment charge against him. He was immediately arrested. Similarly two sports coaches were arrested. One private school owner was arrested. A film actor was arrested when she gave an interview against listed communities. One person, who acted in an obscene manner through PUBG Games on a Youtube channel, was arrested. I am mentioning all these things to point out that the Government has taken immediate action

whenever complaints are received, without any partiality.

Similarly, those involved in sand smuggling, Gutka sales and smuggling of PDS articles have been arrested and cases have been registered against them.

The Police Department has to be modernized. Today Cyber Crimes have increased surpassing all other crimes. Criminals are using modern technology. Crimes through the internet have also increased. Theft of technology, erasure of information, cheating unknown persons, giving online threats, fake accounts and fake names have increased. Online sexual harassment has also increased. Financial criminals and sexual offenders are using the latest technology more and more. The Tamil Nadu Police will soon be developed in such a way that it can investigate and prevent all these crimes.

The Forensic Science Department is helping the State Crime Branch Police, Central Crime Branch and National Crime Branch in providing valuable scientific information. To face any challenges, the Government will take steps to

improve the rational and analytical investigation of the Department.

For the Fire Service Department, vehicles are the backbone. Steps will be taken to procure new vehicles replacing the old ones. Apart from giving International Standard training, priority is given to providing life-saving protective gear to the fire service personnel.

People think that Police are there only for preventing crimes and securing punishment for the guilty. But my aim is that the Police should create a crime-free environment. That is the thinking of the Government also and I assure you that the action of the Government will be in that direction.

The Members of the House gave many suggestions. I am bound to reply to all their views. Hon'ble Member E.R.Eswaran gave suggestions about training to Police personnel. As far as Police officers are concerned, training is given to them in the Police Academy according to their rank. The Government will consider extending the same to higher Police officers in a fixed time interval.

Similarly, Hon'ble Member T.Velmurugan suggested priority for candidates who studied in Tamil medium of instruction. In the DMK Government Rule in 2010, 20 per cent reservation was given in selection of candidates by the Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board. It was given up in the last 10 years. The reservation was not implemented in the last 10 years. Many cases were filed in the Courts against the reservation. Now, the present DMK Government has issued a clear Government order. According to the G.O. No. 82, issued by the Human Resources Development Department, 20 per cent reservation will be provided to those who have the prescribed educational qualification in Tamil Medium.

Similarly, Hon'ble Member M. Sinthanai Selvan mentioned many things. But I would like to reply to one point. He suggested that a Welfare Board should be set up for retired Policemen and officers. That demand is under consideration of the Government. Soon steps will be taken to set up the Welfare Board for Policemen and officers.

Similarly, Hon'ble Member Nainar Nagendran placed a demand. He spoke about the promotion of Sub-Inspectors of 1996 batch. As the previous AIADMK Government increased the retirement age of Government employees to 60 from 58, and due to direct recruitment of 85 DSPs, the promotion of 1996 batch Sub-Inspectors has been delayed. But steps have already been taken to give promotion to them from June 1, 2022.

Similarly, Hon'ble Member G.K.Mani expressed his anguish about the condition of the

State Archives. The Government will take steps for the State Archives to function and issue necessary statements.

Similarly, the Government will consider steps to upgrade the Government Police Hospital into a multi-speciality hospital as demanded by Member K. Selvaperunthagai. Thiru. Paul Manoj Pandian pointed out that it was the AIADMK Government which fully implemented the Police reforms as mentioned in the Prakash Singh case. But I would like to point out that it was the DMK Government which first took steps for introducing the reforms in the Police Department. On 14.05.2008, the then Government brought out the Tamil Nadu Police Bill, 2008. The AIADMK Government brought some changes in 2013. But it did not acted on those changes for the last 10 years. I hope you have not forgotten that on the last date of retirement age, you utilized the reforms mentioned in the case in the appointment of DGP, which went to court. But the DMK Government allowed Thiru. Tripathi to complete his term as DGP and in the appointment of Thiru. Sylendra Babu as new DGP followed the Prakash Singh case. So the Government will faithfully implement the reforms mentioned in the Prakash Singh case Judgement.

Similarly, he talked about the POCSO case. As far as crimes against women are concerned, this Government is taking immediate action. The Government will definitely take steps to set up separate Courts in all Districts to conduct trials relating to POCSO cases.

The Hon'ble Leader of the Opposition said that 4.64 lakh CCTV cameras were fixed throughout Tamil Nadu during the previous regime. Of these, 2.50 lakh cameras were installed in Chennai alone. But the fact is the total number of CCTV cameras, including in Chennai Rural Police Zones were 1,07,425. Of these, 43,673 were fixed through finance received from tenants welfare associations, traders associations, and Social Service Organizations. On behalf of the general public, 60,730 private CCTVs were fixed. Through Chennai Corporation, TASMAC and from the Constituency development fund of MPs, 4,022 CCTVs were fixed. The AIADMK Government fixed the cameras but did not take any steps to maintain them. After the DMK came to power, it received suggestions for creating a separate fund for the maintenance of these cameras. On that basis steps are being taken.

Regarding the demand for direct telecast of Assembly proceedings made by the Leader of the Opposition, it was the previous AIADMK Government which said that the Government

had no funds and could not take up the direct telecast of Assembly proceedings, when a PIL came before Court. But as far as we are concerned, in our poll promises, **we have assured direct telecast of Assembly proceedings. That assurance will be implemented soon.**

It is claimed that Hon'ble Union Minister Thiru. Nitin Gadkari said that the accident rates were the lowest in Tamil Nadu. If you analyze the tracking network CCTNS, it gives different information. The information received from CCTNS using Cognos software and that registered in Districts through the earlier method vastly differed. So, I would like to record that wrong information had been provided to the Union Government and the Supreme Court. I have ordered a detailed enquiry into the issue.

The Leader of the Opposition demanded that the goods sold through Police Welfare Canteens should be exempted from GST. First, the scheme was brought by Dr.Kalaignar when he was the Chief Minister and he also got exemption up to 14.5 per cent Value Added Tax. As far as getting exemption from the GST, 42 meetings were held during the AIADMK regime. You participated on behalf of the Government, but could not get exemption, despite your alliance partner being in power in the Union Government. The Opposition admitted it. The present Government will try to get GST exemption for goods sold through Police Welfare Canteens.

The Leader of the Opposition mentioned that it was the AIADMK Government, which allocated more funds for the Police Department. The AIADMK Government allotted 10.01 per cent while during the DMK regime in 2010, it allotted 12.27 per cent. Even 10 years before, the DMK Government allotted 2 per cent more funds and modernized the Department. You should not look into the amount but the percentage.

The present Government is a law-abiding Government. J.J.Nagar Amma Unavagam incident, Auto Driver's quarrel with women Police Inspector, complaint regarding attack on Special Tahsildar in sand smuggling case in Tiruchi District and attack on a women by her brother in the Fort Police station in Tirunelveli Corporation, these cases were raised by the Opposition Members. In all these cases, the Police took immediate action and arrested the accused the next day. But during the previous regime, it took a long time to arrest the accused in the Pollachi Sexual harassment case. Similarly, in the theft and murder case at the Madam Jayalalithaa's camp office at Kodanadu, how many months it took to arrest those involved in the crimes!

During the discussions on the Police Department, the Leader of the Opposition said, "You investigate the Kodanadu case. We have no objection. You order a fresh investigation and we are not against it." I thank the Leader of the Opposition for his comments. We will conduct the Kodanadu case and find the true culprit; the culprits cannot escape.

The Leader of the Opposition said a few days back that the Kodanadu case was going on in the Court and one should avoid accusing them with a pre-planned motive. Who raised the issue in the House when the case was in Court? It was the Leader of the Opposition. The Opposition Members raised the issue in the Assembly on August 18 and staged a walkout. When the case was in the final stage, he gave an interview to the Press and said that there was no security even to people of his stature. The next day, on August 19, the Leader of the Opposition met the Governor and submitted a memorandum. What is the necessity for reinvestigation of the case which is in the final stage. So we did not raise the issue in the House when the case was in the Court.

I would like to conclude my reply by quoting Bharathidasan's poem, 'Pudhiyadhor Ulagam Seivom' with a little change, 'Ketta Poridum Gunathai Verodu Saippom'. I am not quoting these words for my mental satisfaction. Hon'ble Members and those working in the Police Department should think about the depth of the song. To remove some defects in the Police Department, Society should also grow in grace. As and when Society's grace and decorum grow, these defects will automatically disappear, Perarignar Anna said 50 years ago. These words are not for superficial allure. They are aimed at creating an inner refinement in our approach. In this way, the Tamil Nadu Police are functioning in a proper way.

I would like to inform you and assure you that I will take all the necessary steps to make Tamil Nadu, which follows the rule of law, the number one State in the Country. I once again thank you all for participating in the discussion and giving me useful suggestions. ■

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# Bill for 7.5 per cent reservation in technical education courses for Government school students

Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** while introducing the draft bill in the Assembly for 7.5 per cent reservation for Government school students in admission to Under Graduate courses in technical education in 2021 *(English Translation).*

Hon'ble Speaker Sir,

I wish to introduce in this House a draft bill for admission of Government school students to the Under Graduate courses in technical education in 2021 on a priority basis.

Considering the low rate of admission of rural students in technical education compared to the private school students in urban areas, a 15 per cent reservation was made for them in those studies in 1977. Scholarships were also offered for the first generation graduates.

Taking into account the difficulties of school students in rural and backward areas, the entrance examination for technical education was cancelled in 2006; from 2007-2008, the admission of students has been on the basis of marks scored in the $12^{th}$ standard examination.

Still, it is very difficult for students of Government schools in our State to compete with the students of private schools and join higher education of their choice and technical courses. Due to many socio-economic disparities, all students don't get equality of opportunity in higher education. Already, Government school students enjoy a 7.5 per cent reservation in medical college admissions on the basis of marks obtained in the NEET examination. As in medical education, since the number of Government school students' admission in other branches of technical education such as veterinary, agriculture, engineering and law is also low, the Government set up a commission, headed by the retired Chief Justice of Delhi High Court, Hon'ble Justice Thiru. D. Murugesan and consisting of senior Officials. The Commission was tasked with studying the socio-economic status of Government school students, the difficulties, if any, faced by such students and to examine

admission related hurdles in various technical education institutions and recommending solutions to increase their representation if the above mentioned factors have contributed to the present state of affairs.

The number of students studying in various types of schools in Tamil Nadu is about 13 crore. In the academic year 2019-2020, the number of students in the second year of higher education was 8.5 lakh. Of them, 3.45 lakh were Government school students.

In Engineering education, the percentage of Government school students joining Anna University in the 2020-2021 academic year was 0.83. Likewise, their admission in Government engineering colleges and Government-aided colleges was 6.31 per cent and 0.44 per cent respectively. In veterinary education also, their admission was 3 per cent only in the 2020-2021 academic year. Compared to the previous year, this is less. The same status prevails in fisheries related technical education courses. Last year, only 3.7 per cent of Government school students joined this course. In agro-tech education, the percentage was 4.89. Admission to the Tamil Nadu National Law University is on the basis of a common entrance examination. Admission of Government school students is less than one per cent. In this manner, Government school students are lagging behind in competing with private school students and gaining admission. Due to poverty, ignorance and lack of guidance, parents of Government

school students have lesser awareness about technical studies. The Commission examined these things deeply and not only gave many suggestions for upgrading the educational skills of students in Government schools but also recommended a reservation of not less than 10 per cent for Government school students in technical education.

Like granting priority to Government school students in admission to medical colleges for 7.5 per cent of seats, a decision has been taken that a similar reservation should be made for this category of students in technical education also like engineering, agriculture, veterinary, fisheries and law courses on the basis of priority. A draft bill on this is now being brought in this House.

I seek permission to introduce the draft bill for passing a law in connection with admission of Tamil Nadu Government school students in higher technical education courses in 2021 on a priority basis.

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# Hon'ble Chief Minister announces slew of steps for welfare of Sri Lankan Tamils in refugee camps

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** under Rule 110, on the welfare of Sri Lankan Tamils in camps *(English Translation)*.

Hon'ble Speaker Sir,

Perarignar Perunthagai Anna once wrote: "Sea water turned salty because of the tears of overseas Tamils". I wish to make some announcements today in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly under Rule 110 on behalf of this Government that is in tune with Perarignar Anna, to wipe out the tears of Sri Lankan Tamils who have arrived here from across the sea.

After the 1983 racial riots, the Tamils of Sri Lanka started migrating to Tamil Nadu. From that day onwards till date, we are welcoming and protecting them; we are providing them livelihood. Steps towards this have been taken whenever the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam took over the administration. In 1997-1998, during the rule of Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar, 3,594 new houses were constructed for the camp-dwelling Sri Lankan Tamils at a cost of Rs.2.06 crore at the rate of Rs.5,750 for each house. Further, Rs.2.66 crore was spent for rectifying other infrastructure facilities.

In 1998-1999, 3,826 houses were constructed at a cost of Rs.2.94 crore at the rate of Rs.7,700 per house. On 02.11.2009, the then Chief Minister Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar conducted a review meeting regarding the 'basic needs in Sri Lanka Refugee Camps'. He sent me, then functioning as Deputy Chief Minister and other Ministers to the Sri Lanka Refugee camps and directed us to submit a report after inspection. I wish to record in this House that after accepting our report, Chief Minister Kalaignar allotted Rs.100 crore for the implementation of 14 works inclusive of repairing and renovating the houses of Tamils in Sri Lanka Refugees Camps and setting up new hand pumps and toilet facilities.

From 1983 to till date 3,04,269 Sri Lankan Tamils have come as refugees to Tamil Nadu. Of them, 58,822 persons belonging to 16,944 families have been accommodated in 108 camps (including two special camps) in 29 Districts in Tamil Nadu. Moreover, 34,087 persons belonging to 13,540 families have registered themselves in Police stations and are staying outside. I wish to state that this Government will ensure a safe, honourable and improved life to the Sri Lankan Tamils who have had to live for the past few years as refugees without proper basic facilities. For this, a survey was undertaken in their camps. On the basis of those surveys, I wish to make the following announcements.

Severely damaged 7,460 houses in Sri Lankan Tamils camps will be constructed a new at a cost of Rs.231.54 crore. To construct 3,510 new houses in the first phase, Rs.108.81 crore will be allotted in the current financial year.

An allotment of Rs.30 crore will be made to upgrade other basic facilities in the camp like electricity, toilets and drinking water. Besides, Rs. 5 crore will be allotted every year for providing facilities to improve the standard of living of Sri Lankan Tamils here. Beyond these facilities, the following steps will be taken to upgrade their children's education and improve their lives.

The Government will meet the tuition and hostel fees for the first 50 students ranked by marks among those selected for engineering courses. Likewise, on the basis of marks, 5 students in agriculture/agriculture engineering courses will get similar benefits. Besides, to encourage the Post Graduate students in the camps, their tuition and hostel fees will be met by the Government itself. Rs. 1 crore will be allotted for this every year.

Approximately 750 camp-based students take up higher education-arts and science in Government and other colleges and technical courses including diploma ones every year. It is learnt, the scholarship given to them is not sufficient. The scholarship offered to them at present is: Rs. 2,500 for polytechnic studies, Rs. 3,000 for Under Graduate arts and science courses and Rs. 5,000 for Under Graduate technical courses. This will be hiked to Rs.10,000 for polytechnic courses, Rs.12,000 for Under Graduate arts and science studies and Rs.20,000 for Under Graduate technical courses. An allotment of Rs.1.25 crore will be made for this.

For camp-dwelling Sri Lankan Tamils, skill development training with employment opportunities will be given. For this programme, Rs. 10 crore will be allotted for giving training to 5,000 youths.

The 300 Self Help Groups in the camps will be given Rs.1.25 lakh each as revolving and community investment fund for improving the livelihood of the camp dwelling Sri Lankan Tamils and help them run small and micro

industries. Also, a sum of Rs.75,000 will be given in addition to the Rs.50,000 already given last year to 321 Self Help Groups. For this an allotment of Rs.6.16 crore will be made in the current year.

For the livelihood of the Sri Lankan Tamils in camps, a monthly dole of Rs.1,000 is given to the head of the family, Rs.750 to other elders and Rs.400 to children below 12 years of age. As this dole has not been increased for the last 10 years, it will be hiked to Rs.1,500 for the head of the family per month, to Rs.1,000 for other elders and to Rs.500 for children. This will increase the Government's annual expenditure by Rs.21.49 crore.

The kerosene quota for Sri Lankan Tamils in camps is very low; they are unable to get gas connection under the Prime Minister Ujjwala scheme. Hence, each family in the camps will be given gas connection and a stove at no cost. This will entail Government a one-time expenditure of Rs. 7 crore. Besides, a subsidy of Rs.400 will be given for 5 gas cylinders for each family and for this an annual allotment of Rs.3.80 crore will be made. At present, a subsidy of 57 paise per kg is given to Sri Lankan Tamils in camps for supply of more than 20 kilos of rice. Hereafter, this will be dispensed with and the whole quantity of rice they receive will be issued at no cost. The Government will absorb the Rs.19 lakh expenditure on this.

Under the scheme for free supply of clothes every year and bed sheets once in two years for Sri Lankan Tamils in camps, the price fixed by the Union Government for purchase and distribution is inadequate. Hence, each family will be given Rs.3,473 on the basis of the price index for the current year, instead of Rs.1,790. An additional expenditure of Rs.3 crore per year will devolve on the Government on account of this.

In a situation where 8 types of cooking vessels cannot be supplied at the Union Government fixed price rate of Rs.250 to each family of Sri Lankan Tamils in the camp free of cost, vessels will be supplied through the Salem Steel Plant at an enhanced value of Rs.1,296. On account of this, the Government will incur an additional expenditure of Rs. 1.97 crore.

Apart from this, a consultative committee will certainly be set up shortly for providing required assistance to Sri Lanka refugees living in camps and to the registered ones remaining outside, improving basic facilities and for finding out long-term solutions like getting them citizenship and making arrangements for those refugees among them returning to Sri Lanka. The committee will consist of Hon'ble Minister for the Welfare of Minorities and Overseas Tamils, a Member of Parliament and State Legislature, Secretary, Department of Public, Director of Rehabilitation and other high Government officials, members of NGOs, a representative of the camp dwelling Sri Lankan Tamils and a representative for the registered refugees staying outside the camps.

Moreover, I am happy to inform this House that this Government will allocate Rs.317.40 crore for the welfare of Sri Lankan Tamils staying in camps. The break-up of this allocation is Rs.261.54 crore for the upgrading of the house and other infrastructure facilities, Rs.12.25 crore for ensuring their education and employment and Rs. 43.61 crore for improving their standard of living.

I resume my seat, stating that this Government is capable of protecting Tamils not only here but also overseas.

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# Hon'ble Chief Minister moves resolution against Union Government's 3 farm laws

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** moved a resolution demanding repeal of the 3 farm laws of the Union Government *(English Translation).*

"Hon'ble Speaker Sir, This day is going to be a significant day not only in the lives of farmers but also in the history of Tamil Nadu. I would like to propose such a resolution to be adopted in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly today.

The resolution, planned by the Government of Tamil Nadu today, is to save this land and its people. The House, which had usually adopted many people-oriented laws, is going to adopt a resolution for the repeal of the 3 farm laws of the BJP-led Union Government. The Union Government alone is responsible for creating such a situation.

These 3 laws, which the Union Government claims will upgrade agriculture and protect farmers, are in reality not going to help the farmers in any way. On the other hand, farmers feel that these laws will destroy agriculture. To bring the negative impact of these laws to the attention of the Government, farmers have been agitating for the past one year.

Since Independence, the Country has not witnessed such an agitation. The farmers have been continuing their agitation for a long time. The question arises whether this is the way to respect the voice of people by a democratic Government. At this juncture, we have a responsibility to oppose these laws totally.

We have regulated markets to enable farmers to sell their produce. But the laws passed by the Union Government are out to destroy this objective. It is against the federal principles of the Constitution to enact a law on a subject, which is under the State Government. That is why these laws are to be abandoned. These laws are depriving the States of their rights. The federal principles have become a question mark. They destroy the democratic set up. That is the reason that these 3 laws should be rejected.

Hon'ble Speaker Sir, the Union Government passed the following 3 farm laws in September, 2020.

The Laws are :

Farmers Produce, Trade and Commerce (Protection and Facilitation) Act, 2020; Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on

Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, 2020; and Essential Commodities (Amendment)Act, 2020.

All these 3 laws are against the interest of farmers.

Farmers are expecting only one thing from the Government. Their only demand is that they should get fair prices for their produce. But these 3 laws have not even mentioned Minimum Support Price.

The first law, the Farmers Produce, Trade and Commerce Act, 2020, tries to undermine the role of Regulated Markets. The law tries to control the power of Regulated Markets, which are now under the control of the State Government. There is no clear definition about trade zones mentioned in the Act. This will lead to heavy loss to the Regulated Markets. It will create a situation where it would be difficult to create infrastructure facilities beneficial to farmers. So, there is no benefit to the farmers by this law.

The Second Law Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, 2020 would lead to the State losing its control of private partnership concerns. Due to this law, the farmers will not be in a position to get remunerative prices for their produce. They fear that there is a possibility that the law will deprive them of their land holdings. The contract conditions of the Act are more favourable to private purchasers than the producing farmers. There will be a mismatch between the Agriculture input price and the selling price of produce. There is no provision to ban genetically modified seeds in the Act. This law will only favour private purchasers, according to independent observers.

In the Third Law, Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act, 2020, the storage control on produce will be lifted. Minimum Support Price will be scrapped. The farmers will not get fair prices for their produce. But there will be artificial scarcity in the market resulting in price increase. Through this Law, there will be no benefit to farmers.

All the 3 Laws are against the interest of farmers and adversely affect consumers. So the State Government, to safeguard the interest of the farmers and to prevent agriculture slipping into the hands of big companies, decided to oppose these laws brought by the Union Government, which are against the federal principles of the Constitution. I appeal to the Hon'ble Members to unanimously pass the resolution.

The Government proposes the following resolution in support of the farmers who started their agitation on August 9, 2020 and who are on their $385^{th}$ day of protests against these laws.

Resolution :

To give importance to the development of agriculture and to bring prosperity to farmers, this Government, for the first time in history, has submitted a separate budget for agriculture and re-named the Agriculture Department as Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department. At this juncture, the Union Government has brought the following Farm Laws.

1. Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2020;

2. Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, 2020;

3. Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act, 2020.

These 3 Laws are not suitable for agricultural development and farmers welfare in the Country. So the House is to unanimously adopt a resolution demanding the repeal of these laws by the Government. Through the Hon'ble Speaker, I once again appeal to Hon'ble Members to adopt the resolution unanimously.

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# Slum Clearance Board gets added dimension and new name: 'Urban Habitat Development Board'

Though our leader Kalaignar reigned from the fort, he was a person who thought of the life of hut-dwellers and their development. When he took up the reins of administration for the first time, he implemented a scheme Slum Clearance Board – for the development of the lives of people living in slums. Through that scheme, he provided them several thousands of apartments in multi-storied buildings. Thiru. Babu Jagjivan Ram, the then Union Government Minister affectionately called by all as 'Babuji' referred to this scheme and appreciated it. He also made his view Public that this scheme should not be confined to Tamil Nadu but be implemented in the rest of the States in the Country. The Slum Clearance Board discharged its duties well to such an extent and continues to do so.

This Board, created for the development of the lives of the poor and marginalized people, **I wish to inform this House, is to be known hereafter by the name Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board.**

I wish to inform this House through the Hon'ble Speaker that this name change is not merely for replacing huts but to improve the livelihood of the hut dwellers and their standard of living.

*In the Tamil Nadu Legislature*

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# Hon'ble Chief Minister announces scrapping of 1% market levy on cotton and cotton waste

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin** under Rule 110 *(English Translation)*.

- One third of India's textile trade is covered by the Tamil Nadu Textile Industry. There are 1,570 spinning mills in the State and their total production of yarn is 45 per cent of that of the Country.
- Ninety-five per cent of cotton needed for the spinning mills in the State, comes from other States.
- Under Sec. 24 of the Tamil Nadu Agricultural Produce Marketing (Regulation) Act 1987, a market entry tax of one per cent is levied on the sale value of cotton and cotton waste.
- Market entry tax should be levied on cotton bales only. On the contrary, it is levied on produce like cotton and cotton waste.
- While procuring cotton from other States, small and micro spinning mills have to struggle a lot in meeting the transport charges.
- It is a long-pending demand of entrepreneurs and weavers that the market entry tax on cotton should be cancelled.
- When the Cotton Corporation of India undertakes the marketing of yarn in the State, there is no need for the spinning mills to maintain huge stocks of cotton.
- Acceding to the long-standing demand of industrial entrepreneurs and weavers, this Government has abolished the one per cent tax (market fee) on cotton and cotton waste.

# Hon'ble Chief Minister on farm and jewel loans: 'We aim to fulfil all our promises'

Reply of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin** in the debate on Agriculture and Jewel loan *(English Translation)*.

Hon'ble Speaker Sir,

To put it in a sentence, the tenor of his speech was as though the White Paper is a ruse of the DMK to retract from the assurances it gave during Election time in the face of the inability to implement them. Also, the day before yesterday, when I delivered the acceptance speech after many Members had congratulated this Government on its 100th day, I stated that we would not go back on our assurances on any account.

Thiru. Udhayakumar, Member, could have spoken in the vein that our replies on our assurances of waiving agriculture and jewel loans, were evasive.

I declare firmly. The White Paper has mentioned it clearly. Even in the Budget also, in his speech, the Hon'ble Finance Minister had pointedly mentioned it. Even if we want to waive the jewel loan, many irregularities have taken place there. While making calculations for waiving the crop loans of farmers, there too, irregularities to the

extent of several crores of rupees have emerged. We have given the assurance that waiver will certainly be given after rectifying them.

We have also not forgotten, nor have the people, the promises and assurances you had made before coming to rule previously. You implemented some of them; many you did not. You should not forget that.

To cite examples, **you assured people of the distribution of free cell phones and did you give? You said a packet of Aavin milk would be Rs.25; could you do that? Free distribution of Amma mineral water to poor people, did you supply it to any one? You promised to provide essential grocery items at reduced prices, was it implemented?**

**Amma Bank Pass book for all, what happened to that promise? Rs.500 coupon for purchase of Co-optex textiles, did you give the coupons? You said you would set up farm women groups ('Pannai Magalir Kuzhukkal'), Did you set up any? You said you will construct special shops for all varieties of fruits, did you construct such shops anywhere?**

**Wi-Fi facility at all public places, show a place where such a facility has been provided. You said Dr. Ambedkar Foundation would be set up, Did you do that? Have you set up anywhere the Silk Textile Park as promised? You said mono rail would be commissioned in Chennai. But you implemented only the Metro Rail Project brought by Thalaivar Kalaignar. There is a big list like this.**

As for the crop loans of farmers and jewel loans, I wish to state here that the Hon'ble Minister for Co-operation will certainly expose with proof all the irregularities and mistakes that have taken place, when he replies to the debate on the demands for grants for his Department.

My repeated queries about the failure of the previous regime to fulfil its assurances to the people need not be construed by any one as an excuse for us to do the same. Surely and certainly, our aim is to fulfil the promises made during election time, after weeding out irregularities and rectifying the financial deficit. That is our task. Let no one entertain any doubt about that.

# Hon'ble Chief Minister announces Memorial for Social Justice Warriors who died in 1987 agitation

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** under Rule 110 *(English Translation)*.

Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I would like to make the following statement under Rule 110 of the Tamil Nadu Legislature. Tamil Nadu is the cradle of Social Justice. Community-wise rights, reservation and community-wise reservation refer to one thing, that is Social Justice. There is no equivalent to the word Social Justice. The Dravidian movement's principle is Social Justice. That word is the greatest gift of the Dravidian movement to Tamil society. This gift is not only to Tamil Nadu but also to the entire Nation.

Communal G.O was brought into action 100 years ago by the Justice Party. Education, employment opportunities and powerful posts, which were all closed to them till then were opened to all. Both Periyar and Perarignar Anna acted like a double-barrel gun for social justice, which drew the attention of the entire Indian sub-continent. Due to Perunthalaivar Kamaraj's insistence with the then Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, the Constitution was amended for the first time. Social Justice got legal recognition in the history of the Country. The Dravidian Movement launched various agitations to achieve Social Justice.

Reservation was ensured for the Backward Classes, Notified Tribes and Tribal Community people, which was suitably changed from time to time. This is a historical fact and cannot be concealed by anybody.

In the list of Social Justice protests, the agitation in 1987 in the Northern Districts of Tamil Nadu demanding 20 per cent reservation is the most significant. During that agitation, 21 persons lost their lives due to Police firing. To justify their agitation and in memory of the loss of lives, in 1989, the then Hon'ble Chief Minister, Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar, for the first time in the Country announced a separate classification, 'Most Backward Classes'

among the Backward Classes Community. The MBC Community was given 20 per cent reservation in Education and Employment and thereby given equal opportunity. This laid the path for progress for the MBC communities.

The present Government, which is following the path of Muthamizh Arignar Dr.Kalaignar in Social Justice enacted a law to make an internal reservation of 10.5 per cent for Vanniyars within the 20 per cent reservation for MBCs. The rights of oppressed communities should be protected and that is the lofty objective of the DMK Government. In commemoration of the sacrifices made by 21 Social Justice warriors who lost their lives in Police firing, a Memorial will be constructed at Villupuram District at a cost of Rs.4 crore.

During the Vikravandi Assembly by-election, I gave an assurance to the voters. Many might have forgotten the assurance. But I will not forget my promise to voters.

"I belong to a Backward Community and My Community is in the MBC list. Since I have taken charge of the Chief Minister's post, I will fight for the welfare of the Backward Class Community. I have also taken that vow". This is the statement of Thalaivar Kalaignar on the floor of the Assembly. I would like to inform you that I had also taken that vow. This announcement is the result of my assurance to them.

Hon'ble Speaker Sir, Hon'ble Members of the Assembly, Thiru. T.Velumani and Thiru. G.K.Mani made some demands while appreciating my announcements. I would like to tell them that it was during the earlier DMK regime that Rs. 3 lakh each was sanctioned to the families of 27 Social Justice warriors, besides a monthly pension of Rs. 3,000 each to them. They have placed a demand for a Government job to one of the members of the family. Their demand will be considered and provided jobs in the Government related institutions, based on their educational qualification.

***In the Tamil Nadu Legislature***

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# Getting exemption from NEET is our aim

Reply of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin** to the Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin *(English Translation)*.

Hon'ble Speaker Sir,

Hon'ble Member Thiru. Udhayanidhi, in his maiden speech, raised many questions and also made many demands. The Ministers of the Departments concerned will give their response to his demands during their reply. Besides the demands, the Hon'ble Member also made a valuable point about the NEET issue.

As far as the NEET examination is concerned, we all have to forget our political differences, come together and raise our voice in unison against it. There is no change in this stand. Based on this only, we gave the election-eve assurance. We gave the assurance that the necessary steps would be taken to scrap NEET as soon as the DMK came to power.

That is why immediately after coming to power, the Government appointed a committee headed by retired Judge A.K.Rajan to submit a report about NEET to the Government after hearing the views of the public. The Committee also submitted its report and it is being legally evaluated. In the current Assembly session itself, a Bill will be brought to get exemption from the NEET examination.

# Hon'ble Chief Minister outlines steps for protecting rights of SC, ST people

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** under Rule 110 *(English Translation)*.

Hon'ble Speaker Sir:

Whenever the DMK comes to power, it works for the welfare of the Oppressed and Suppressed people. The party treats with affection the Oppressed and Suppressed people who are unfortunately boycotted by the casteism of some people in society. The party always tries to bring out their hidden talent and functions as a movement with the principle of showcasing their contribution to society.

The party, for the first time in the Country, built group houses with concrete roofing, abolished double tumbler system, constructed 'Samathuvapurams', gave incentive for common burial ground for all communities, successfully conducted Local Body elections for Pappireddipatti, Keeripatti, Nattarmangalam and Kottakkatchiyendal Panchayats and organized 'Samathuva Peru Vizha'. These are some of the achievements of the party Government for the benefit of the people of the community. As per the SC and ST (Prevention of the Atrocities) Act, it is mandatory to conduct State high-level awareness and monitoring committee meetings once in 6 months. Earlier the meeting used to invite only the Ruling party MLAs and Alliance party MLAs. But now all party MPs and MLAs have been made members of the committee, comprising 50 members, by issuing a Government Order. On August 19, the first meeting was conducted by inviting committee members affiliated to all political parties.

The aim is to find solutions to the people's issues by getting the views from various sections. Perarignar Anna used to say that 'Maatraan Thottathu Malligaiyum Manakkum' (The jasmine in an adversary's garden too smells sweet). In that spirit, we welcome suggestions which will improve the livelihood of the downtrodden. At the first meeting many useful suggestions were made.

In the first phase, I would like to implement some of them. A State-level autonomous Scheduled Castes and Tribal Welfare Commission will be formed to protect their rights and find solutions to their important

issues. An Act will be enacted soon and for this a bill will be moved in the on-going Assembly session itself.

Secondly, it was suggested in the meeting that all schools functioning under the Adi Dravidar Welfare Department should be brought under mainstream. Firstly, to improve the standards of those schools, the Teachers in these institutions would be given training, skill development and computer training under the guidance of the Education Department. But the administration of the schools would be with the SC and ST Welfare Department itself. Administrative control and other administrative issues will be with the SC and ST Department. The School Education Department will not interfere in these issues.

Thirdly, orders have been issued for setting up 4 more new Courts, in addition to the 18 existing Courts in the State for expediting the trial of cases, registered under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act 1989. These 4 new Courts will be set up in Salem, Krishnagiri, Madurai and Tirunelveli as more cases are pending in these four Districts. Though these Special Courts are now functioning in Tirunelveli and Madurai, additional Courts are being established in view of the huge pendency of cases in these 2 Districts.

Fourthly, awareness exercises under 'Samathuvam Kaanbom' (Let us find equality) will be conducted for Police and Revenue Department officials with a view to approach those affected by atrocities from a social angle, to provide proper relief to them and ensure their good future.

Fifthly, in many villages in the State, common burial grounds are functioning. These are model villages as there is no discrimination in the final journey of people. To encourage such villages, Rs. 10 lakh will be sanctioned to these villages for carrying out development activities.

Sixthly, at present people affected by atrocities are given a compensation of minimum Rs.85,000 to a maximum Rs.8.25 lakh depending on the nature of the cases. Now the amount has been increased to a minimum of Rs. 1 lakh and a maximum of Rs. 12 lakh from the State Government fund.

Our aim is for a situation where there is no need for an awareness campaign for changing the mind-set of the people. We are all one and must work together as advocated by Saint Thiruvalluvar in his couplet 'Pirapokkum Ella Uyirukkum'.

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# Porunai Museum to be set up in Tirunelveli at a cost of Rs.15 crore

Statement of the
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
**Thiru. M.K.Stalin** under Rule 110.

Hon'ble Speaker Sir,

'Let Tamil flourish even though we may fall' – this sentiment was inculcated in us by no less a person than the Leader of Tamil race, Kalaignar. I am proud to make an announcement with your (Speaker's) permission, under Rule 110 that will hold high the glory of Tamil, the classical language adored by Kalaignar and the greatness of the Tamil race that trod all over several thousand years ago to teach the world what civilization and culture are.

Whenever the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam came to rule, it was a rule dedicated to the Tamil language and Tamil race.

Naming the State populated by Tamils as 'Tamil Nadu', realizing a 100- year dream and securing the title of 'classical language' to Tamil, changing the name 'Madras' into 'Chennai', implementing the two language policy –Tamil and English -, giving legal sanction to the words 'Thiru', 'Thirumathi' to replace 'Sri' and 'Srimathi', erecting 'Valluvar Kottam' in the State capital and a 133 ft. high Valluvar statue in Kanniyakumari, propagating Thirukkural all over the world, popularizing the writing of 'Thamizh Vazhga', setting up of Poompuhar Kottam to exhibit the greatness of Silappadhikaram, conferring the right to perform worship in Tamil, making Tamil, the official language in toto, translating all the text books into Tamil through the Tamil Nadu Text Book Society and publishing thousands of text books, developing Tamil, into a computer language, raising the status of Tamil Teachers on par with Teachers of other subjects and conferring eligibility on them to become head masters, spreading Tamil all over the world, conducting World Tamil Conference and World Classical Tamil Conference, nationalizing the books of Tamil scholars and providing financial assistance to their families of lakhs of rupees give an idea of how the DMK conducted 'Tamil rule'.

There is no need to recall to you again, the DMK Government's service to Tamil in the last 4 months. Though great emperors brought India under their sceptre, the Tamil soil remained separate with its own kingdoms. There is much

evidence to show that the Tamil Country had a hoary civilization. This is not just my statement, I am saying this not only on the authority of some literary works. There is strong archaeological evidence. No one can hide or repudiate that.

During his rule, Thalaivar Kalaignar made great efforts to undertake extensive field surveys through marine archaeology. We all know well that it was due to the great efforts of Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar that a master plan was designed in 1990 for a marine survey and some constructed structures were discovered during a deep sea excavation undertaken to identify the submerged Poompuhar City.

In the same way, the current archaeological research going on at Keezhadi in Sivagangai District, has attracted the attention of the world. When the Union Government abruptly stopped the excavation that was yielding abundant cultural evidence of Tamils, Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar recorded his strong condemnation over it. I too visited the site in 2019 and saw the excavation works. The findings – astonishing brick structures, black and red potsherds, rare stone beads, gold ornaments, bones of a bull with a hump similar to that found in the Indus civilization period, playthings and industrial areas – testify that Sangam period Tamils had lived as a prosperous society; not only have we understood this but the whole world has understood this.

Not only that; Members of this great House know well that Tamils of the Sangam age were a literate society even in the 6th century B.C. as established by carbon dating. In that respect, it should be stated that the one word 'Keezhadi' has brought Tamils of the world together. In the same spirit, the Archaeological Department of Tamil Nadu Government has now taken up excavation works in Keezhadi, Adichanallur, Sivakalai, Korkai, Kodumanal, Mayiladumparai and Gangaikondacholapuram. The Tamil Nadu Archaeological Department consulted archaeologists of national fame and technical experts about the artifacts found in the excavations. I am proud to announce the following important decisions taken on that basis.

* A silver coin stamped with the figures of sun, moon and diagrammatic symbols was discovered. A top-class numismatics expert and professor of Kolkata University Ms. Susmita Basu Majumdar who examined the silver coin has opined that it is anterior to 4th century B.C., that is, prior to the period of Maurya emperor Ashoka.
* In this context, the period of the Tamil letters discovered at Keezhadi, has already been assigned to 6th century B.C. on the basis of carbon dating, I am proud to inform, by way of strengthening it, the news to this House that carbon dating on two more samples has revealed that Keezhadi civilization belongs to the 6th century B.C.
* It has been confirmed already, on the basis of carbon dating of artifacts of earlier excavations, that Korkai was functioning as a harbor even before the 8th century B.C. Now, black potsherds belonging to the Gangetic Plains have been found in the excavations conducted at Korkai. Dr.Rakesh Tiwari, former Director General of the Archaeological Department of India and Prof. Ravindranath Singh of Banaras Hindu University, who had examined these potsherds carefully, have confirmed that Korkai port was in contact with foreign countries and other regions of India in trade even prior to the 6th century B.C.

* Crowning all these findings, I wish to reveal here the conclusion of an important research. Burial urns (Mudhumakkal Thazhi) emerged in the on-going excavations conducted by the Tamil Nadu Archaeology Department in the mountainous region of Sivakalai near Adichanallur. The paddy grains found in one of those urns were sent to the world famous Beta Analytical Laboratory in Miami City, USA, for examination. Its research findings were made available recently. The period of the paddy grain, found in the burial urn, is found to be 1155 B.C. as per AMS Carbon Dating. As such, my pride and joy goes unbounded in announcing to this House for reaching the entire Tamil diaspora, that the river civilization of Thamirabarani, also known as 'Thenporunai', dates back to 3,200 years and more.

Members of this House know well about the current Budget allocation of Rs. 5 crore, higher than that made by any other State in India, for collecting evidences on the robust culture of the ancient Tamils, their maritime commerce, water management, metallurgy, preparing of rare gems, pearl fishing and other technologies for the world to know.

In continuation of this, a museum will be set up with all modern facilities at Tirunelveli city at a cost of Rs. 15 crore to exhibit the rare objects obtained in the excavations conducted at Adichanallur, Sivakalai and Korkai. It will be named 'Porunai Museum'.

I am happy to announce in this House that the Tamil Nadu Archaeology Department will undertake research work, in quest of the roots of Tamil culture, all over the Indian sub-continent and in foreign countries where the Tamils, crossing the seas, had left their victorious footprints, after getting due permission.

Musiri, the sea-port of the Sangam Age, is now in Kerala under the name Pattanam. In the first phase, research work will be taken up there, jointly with the archaeological experts of Kerala for understanding the antiquity of the Chera Country and its culture. Likewise, appropriate steps will be taken up to conduct research in historically famous places like Vengi in Andhra State, Talakadu in Karnataka and Paalur in Odisha.

At the places of Quseir al-Qadim and Berenice in Egypt that were part of the Roman Empire and at Khor Rori in Oman, potsherds inscribed with Tamil letters have been found, confirming their commercial contact with ancient Thamizhagam. Research will be undertaken in those places, jointly with the archaeological experts of those countries.

Experiments will be undertaken after getting due permission and with the help of archaeological experts of South East Asian countries of Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, and Vietnam where Emperor Rajendra Chola left the imprints of his triumphs.

We will hereafter travel all over the world in search of cultural remnants left behind by Tamils who made the declaration to the world 'Yaadhum Oore; Yaavarum Kelir' (We belong to every place; all people are our kin). Our Government's top-most duty is to establish on the basis of evidence and science that the history of the Indian sub-continent should hereafter be written from the land of the Tamils. In making this announcement to the world through this House, in holding it up as an example to the world, I acquire a great sense of pride and I resume my seat with that feeling

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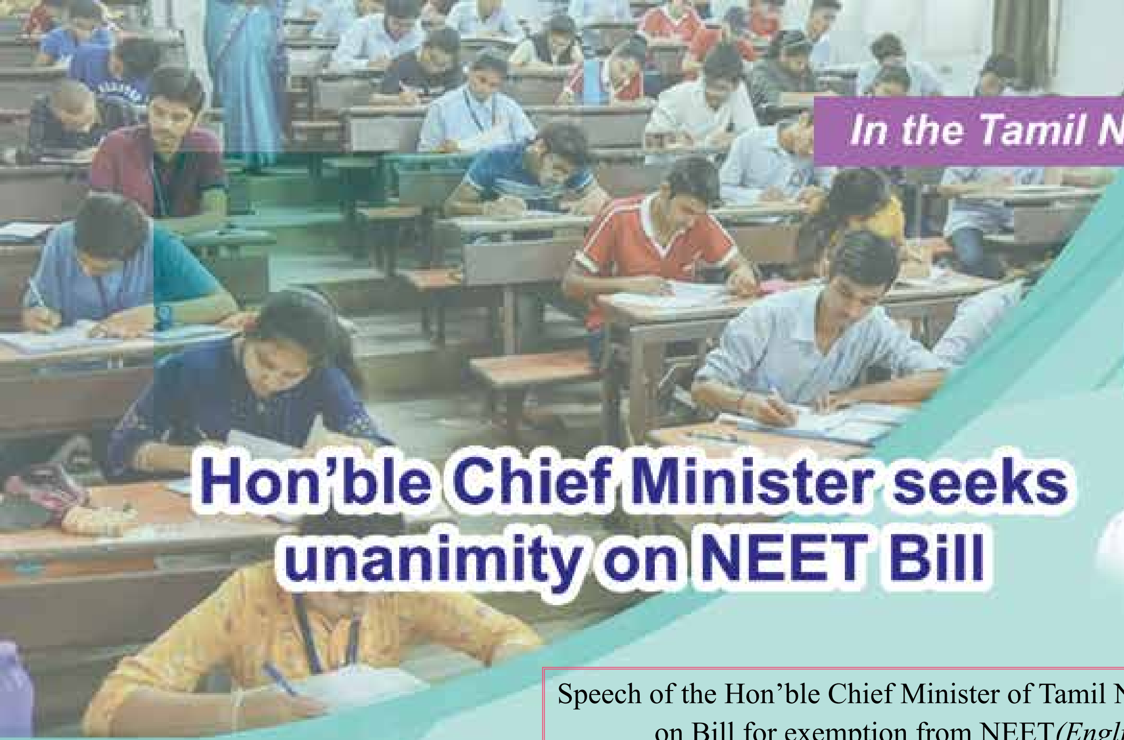

# Hon'ble Chief Minister seeks unanimity on NEET Bill

Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** on Bill for exemption from NEET*(English Translation)*.

Hon'ble Speaker Sir:

The Hon'ble Leader of the Opposition has said that he welcomed the Bill on NEET. I am really thankful to him. You all know that when the DMK was in the Opposition, it welcomed the resolution in the House on Jallikattu as it did not want to play politics. Similarly, when in the Opposition our Party welcomed the resolution on NEET when it was brought by the then Government. The Opposition staged a walkout today when I started speaking about NEET. Though you did not listen to my speech, you gathered information about my speech for which I am really happy and express my thanks to you.

My only question is that the House earlier passed resolutions against the NEET examination twice and the resolutions were sent to the President by the then Government. But they were returned two years ago. My question is why the information was not shared with the Opposition by the then ruling party, AIADMK. I don't want to make it an issue by raising it now. It is a tragedy that every year suicides by students have been reported. To prevent suicides, it is necessary for all the parties in the House to adopt a resolution.

The leader of the Congress Legislative Party, Thiru. Selvaperunthagai, raised an issue. Whether it is necessary or not, I don't want to discuss now. The NEET Bill was brought with a good intention. Who is responsible for the suicide of students? The answer to that question, they know in their heart of hearts. If we start discussing those issues, it will be difficult to adopt the resolution. The Opposition leader made several charges for which I gave my reply when they walked out of the House. So I don't want to explain in detail. I request Hon'ble Member Thiru. Selvaperunthagai not to raise issues that may come in the way of the House passing this resolution unanimously. The question is not how many students participated in the NEET examination and how many cleared it but how many people committed suicide. With the death of student Dhanush yesterday, so far, 15 have ended their lives. Taking all this into consideration we have brought this Bill. Their sacrifices should not go waste. That is the Government's aim. In keeping with this, I request Hon'ble Member Thiru. Nainar Nagendran to express his views.

*In the Tamil Nadu Legislature*

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# 'Dearness Allowance hike will take effect from 01.01.2022 '

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin** under Rule 110 *(English Translation)*.

Hon'ble Speaker Sir:

The DMK Government always acts as a friend and companion to Government employees in supporting their rights and extending them concessions. Many welfare schemes have been announced and implemented for them by DMK Governments headed by Perarignar Anna and Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar. These schemes are forerunners for the entire Country.

I would like to make the following announcements under Assembly Rule 110 after considering various demands submitted by various Government and Teachers associations over a period of time.

In the annual budget presented in the House, it was announced that the D.A. hike for employees and pensioners would be implemented from 01.04.2022. In this connection, we received representations from the employees associations. After sympathetically considering their representations, **the Government decided to sanction D.A. increase from 01.01.2022 itself despite the present financial constraints of the Government. About 16 lakh Government employees and pensioners will be benefited by the announcement.** By advancing the date of implementation, the exchequer will incur an additional financial burden of Rs.1,620 crore for 3 months and Rs.6,480 crore annually.

The retirement age of cooks and cooking assistants of nutritious noon meal centres will be raised from 58 to 60. Due to this, the

existing 29,137 cooks and 24,576 cooking assistants will be benefited. The incentive increment sanctioned by the Government for additional educational qualifications to the employees during their service period had been withdrawn from the year 2020. As this incentive for additional qualification improves their performances and their skill, the Government decided to reintroduce the incentive for higher educational qualification as per the guidelines issued by the Union Government.

The vacant posts of Junior Assistants in Government schools will be filled through Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission based on need.

The practice of suspending the Government employees on the date of retirement will be dispensed with.

I would like to announce that the suspension and temporary removal of employees from service for participating in various strikes in 2016, 2017 and 2018 against the previous AIADMK Government will be withdrawn and the strike period will be treated as service period, following representations from the employees associations.

Disciplinary action against Teachers who participated in the strike will be withdrawn. Following their request to the Government, with a view to post the Teachers who were on punishment transfer in their original places, they will be given priority in counselling for transfers. If their participation in the strike had affected their promotion, it will be rectified.

The Government has decided to come out with fresh guidelines for appointment of family members of deceased Government employees on compassionate ground, to avoid practical difficulties.

Orders will be issued to include the dependent sons and daughters of Government employees in the Health Insurance Scheme and there will be no age restriction for them to avail the insurance benefits. To enable the Government employees to avail the health insurance benefits without any difficulty, an integrated separate telephone assistance booth (Help Desk) will be formed.

There is a demand for including COVID-19 treatment in the high-tech treatment category under the Health Insurance Scheme. As far as treatment for Corona is concerned, the upper limit of Rs. 10 lakh for Government employees and pensioners under the insurance scheme will be enhanced.

Employees of the Treasuries and Accounts Department will be given adequate training at the District level itself to handle issues relating to IFHRMS effectively and swiftly.

Steps will be taken to provide service training at the District level itself to the newly recruited employees and those who are promoted. This will avert the need for employees to go to Bhavanisagar for training and ensure that the employees complete their probation and get their promotion in time. As admission of students in Government schools has increased, adequate Teachers will be recruited in proportion to student strength.

Government employees are the bedrock of the administration, which is one of the four pillars of democracy. The Government is always concerned about their welfare and will definitely concede their legitimate demands and implement them in phases. ■

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# Hon'ble Chief Minister moves resolution asking Union Government to repeal Citizenship Act

Speech Delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K.Stalin**, before moving a motion against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 *(English Translation)*.

Hon'ble Speaker Sir:

Citizenship is a legal right of every person. Those who are domiciled on Indian soil are entitled to get the Citizenship of the Country. As per the 14th Section of the Indian Constitution, the Government cannot legally deny equality and protection to its Citizens. According to the Citizenship Act, 1955, religion was not a criterion for getting Citizenship. But in the recent Amendment brought by the Union Government, religion has been made a criterion for Citizenship.

As per the Constitution of India, India is a secular Country. In view of that, no law should be brought based on religion. That is the reason we are opposing the Amendment. The Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019, was adopted on December 19, 2019. It has been named as the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019.

This Act paves the way for Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, Buddhists and Parsis, who moved to India from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan, to become Citizens of the Country. But Muslims are banned from becoming citizens of the Country. This Act divides people on the basis of religion. That is the reason that the DMK has been opposing the Act right from the beginning.

We expressed our opposition to this Act as it is against the Constitution of India, especially against the Secular nature of the Country and it is not good for the welfare of the Country. As a move to oppose the Act, we wanted the House to pass a resolution against the Act and send it to the Union Government. But our demand was not accepted by the previous State Government. In this connection, both the DMK and the alliance parties voted against the Act in Parliament.

We should treat the refugees as fellow human beings. We should not divide them on the basis of religion or the Country of origin. That should be the right approach. It is not right to show partiality to people who come to this Country from other countries after losing their properties. It only hurts the people who are already affected. It is wrong to make division on a political basis as the legal division. Sri Lankan Tamils are wronged by this Act. They are people who could not live in that Country and have come here. They are now staying in camps and in other places. They do not want to return to Sri Lanka. They feel that they can live in this Country by getting Indian Citizenship. But the Act deprives them of that opportunity. The Union Government is not worried about Sri Lankan Tamils and wants to deceive them. That is the reason we are opposing the Act.

This Act is against the basic structure of the Indian Constitution. It divides people who are united despite their different religions, races, colour and environment.

India is shining as the biggest democracy today because of Unity in Diversity. Though the Country has different languages, religions and culture, we live with the spirit that we are Indians. Despite different religions, races, languages and States, we have overcome those differences and are living in harmony.

We got freedom for the Country due to our united fight. We got freedom due to unity from the Himalayas to Kumari. But the present Act tries to harm this spirit. The Act is not necessary and we feel it should be scrapped. We appeal to the Union Government to give up its move to prepare the National Population Register and National Register of Citizens as an extension Act of the Amendment.

In view of the above reasons, the House should adopt a resolution unanimously against the Act, which tries to divide the people on the basis of religion and race and makes the unity of the Country a question mark. With these words, I forward the resolution.

The Resolution says: "The House is of the view that the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 is not conducive to the secular principles of the Country laid down in the Constitution, and for the communal harmony prevailing in the Country. According to established norms, a Country should be governed on the basis of the aspirations and concerns of the people. But the Act that has been passed now, does not accord a warm support to the refugees considering their plight, but discriminates against them on the basis of religion and the Country of origin. Therefore, to preserve the unity and communal harmony of the Country and to maintain the secular character of the Country, the House insists that the Union Government withdraw the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019".

# The Government will maintain the Rule of Law

Reply of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin** during the debate on Kodanadu issue *(English Translation)*.

Hon'ble Speaker Sir,

In raising the issue in his speech, the Leader of the Opposition has spoken in a manner that brings to mind the Tamil saying 'Engappan Kuthirukkul Illai' (my father is not in the granary). (The suggestion is of self exposure). It is my responsibility to respond to it.

Indeed, they have walked out after proving the revelation. As for the enquiry about Kodanadu murder and burglary, this Government is just carrying out the assurance given during the election campaign, nothing more.

The serial murders that took place after that midnight burglary raised suspicions among people even then. That is why we gave an assurance during the election that the murder and burglary cases would be investigated and the real culprits would be arraigned before the Law.

On that basis alone, investigation is going on after getting Court's permission properly; not with any political intent. This investigation is progressing with the Court's permission. There is certainly no political intervention or any intention to take revenge. On the basis of that investigation, steps will be taken only against the real culprits and others need not fear anything nor is there any need for them to fear.

Certainly, this Government will maintain the Rule of Law. They have cast a slur on the investigation being conducted with the Court's permission by using the epithet 'with a political motive'. I am giving this explanation to this House to clarify that it is not so.

At the beginning itself I have stated that this step was not taken with a political motive or to wreak vengeance. You have been saying: "What has happened to the assurances given during the election?" You have been continuously saying nothing has been fulfilled. This is one such assurance. There are many more things. So, this action has been taken only on the direction, order of the Court and not with any selfish intent or political motive. I wish to particularly emphasize this, to our Hon'ble Member Thiru.G.K. Mani, Leader of the Pattali Makkal Katchi (in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly).

Thiru. Nainar Nagendran, BJP leader says that this has created fear. As per the Tamil proverb (Madiyile Ganam Irundhaal Vazhiyile Bhayam), only those who have anything to hide need to fear. So nobody needs to have any fear, nobody needs to be alarmed.

August 23 2021

# Hon'ble Chief Minister bestows unstinted praise on Hon'ble Minister Duraimurugan for his unique achievements and qualities

Speech delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** lauding Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources Thiru. Duraimurugan for serving the Legislative Assembly for 50 years *(English Translation).*

Hon'ble Speaker Sir,

The Finance Budget and the Agriculture Budget for the current financial year have been submitted and adopted in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly after constructive discussions. Following this, Departments-wise discussions on demands are to be made from today. On the first day, the demand for the Water Resources Ministry is to be submitted by the Hon'ble Minister concerned, Thiru. Duraimurugan. After that, discussions on the demand will be made.

The demands for grants for the Water Resources Ministry is to be taken up today. The Minister concerned, who is also the leader of the House as well as the General Secretary of the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam, is my respected and honoured elder brother. I am happy and proud that the demand for the Water Resources Ministry, which has been formed for the first time is to be submitted today. For that I extend my warm greetings.

This Legislative Assembly has a history of 100 years and Hon'ble Minister Thiru. Duraimurugan has been the Member of the Assembly for 50 years. The Hon'ble Minister has been participating in discussions in this House for 50 years. Among those who

I would like to register this sentiment in this House.

He is very frank and does not hide anything. By these two qualities, he used to guide both the party and Government. K.V Kuppam is his native place. K.V Kuppam is originally called Keezh Vazhi Kuppam. This is how he is guiding me on my path. In the same way, he was helping Dr.Kalaignar also.

Dr.Kalaignar used to call Annan Duraimurugan as Durai. They used to talk for hours together. Truly speaking, we all felt jealous of him. Sometimes, we used to think why Thalaivar is so close to him. Duraimurugan was regular in coming to Kalaignar's house. If he delayed his arrival by a few minutes, Kalaignar would immediately ask through the telephone, 'Where is Durai, ask him to come immediately'.

adorn the House today, the Hon'ble Minister is the senior-most. That is why he is guiding the House as the Leader of the House.

Personally speaking, after the demise of Thalaivar Kalaignar and Inamana Perasiriyar, Annan Duraimurugan is heading a great political organization and is guiding me. In the public meetings and in many whenever he mentioned me, he would say 'I have seen Stalin as a young boy'. He has repeated this in many meetings.

When I was addressing a public meeting under the head 'Thamizhagam Meetpoam' at Vellore before the Assembly Elections, I mentioned one thing. Annan used to say, 'I have seen you as a young boy'. But as far as I am concerned, I see him in the place of Kalaignar and Perasiriyar. This is the truth.

I would like to mention one incident that happened in 2007. Annan Duraimurugan was admitted in the hospital and had to be operated the next day. I know how much Dr.Kalaignar was worried the previous night, since I was by the side of Kalaignar at that time. The previous night Dr.Kalaignar telephoned Annan Duraimurugan and enquired about his condition. He asked if he was afraid of the operation. Annan Duraimurugan said, 'No Anna, no Anna'. Dr.Kalaignar said, 'I know

about you'. Dr.Kalaignar then immediately left for the hospital and stayed there throughout that night and returned home only the next morning.

I mention this to reveal the kind of affection Kalaignar had towards Annan Duraimurugan. As Perarignar Anna said, as it was not possible for all to be born of a single mother, we are all born to different mothers. This is the extent of the affection Dr. Kalaignar had for Annan Duraimurugan.

Annan Duraimurugan was not only close to Kalaignar but also lived in the heart of Kalaignar! It is not easy to get that coveted position.

Hon'ble Duraimurugan, who got elected from the Katpadi Constituency in the 1971 Assembly election, continued to be elected from the same constituency for 8 times. Twice, he was elected from the Ranipet Constituency. Participating in the Assembly discussions, he has recorded his observations strongly in the House. This is a unique distinction of Annan Duraimurugan and no other Member in the House has this distinction. I wholeheartedly applaud him for this achievement. Whichever portfolio he was given, he used to make his mark in it. He could reel out the names of all rivers in Tamil Nadu at a stretch without any difficulty. Such was his mastery over the names of rivers in Tamil Nadu. Right from 1925 Cauvery river agreement to this day, he has all the details of the Cauvery issue by heart. If he wanted to move the Members here into tears, he would do so. Similarly, if he wants to make Members laugh, he can do so in a jiffy. If one asks him to remain quiet, he would remain so. Such is his capacity. For him to be the Minister for Water Resources in the DMK Government is a great pride to the party and the Government led by the DMK. To have got him as the leader of the House is a credit to the House.

By participating in the 50 years of Assembly proceedings, Hon'ble Minister Duraimurugan shines as the Golden Jubilee man of the Assembly. He always wears a shirt of golden hue and has a smiling countenance. To felicitate this Golden Jubilee man, I move the following resolution and appeal to all Members to pass it unanimously.

"Hon'ble Duraimurugan has been the Member of the House 10 times since 1971 and has been Minister for various Departments. He has worked for the welfare of the State and is still working towards that end. By guiding the House in an excellent manner, he is protecting the dignity of the House. This House wholeheartedly lauds Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources Thiru. Duraimurugan for his contribution''.

I move this resolution to thank the Hon'ble Member. I request through the Hon'ble Speaker that this resolution be adopted unanimously, irrespective of party affiliation. I congratulate my elder brother Hon'ble Duraimurugan and greet him again and again and again.

# Manifold measures to boost efficiency of Police force, move for better PR

*Announcements made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu* ***Thiru. M. K. Stalin.***

## Police, Fire and Rescue Services Department

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### POLICE

**New Divisions to be formed**

➢ To investigate important and challenging cyber crimes, Police personnel will be given adequate training at the proposed State Cyber Crime Investigation Centre in Chennai.

➢ A Marina Beach Life Guard Unit will be set up in the Chennai Police to prevent drowning and to rescue people on the Marina Beach.

➢ Serious Offences Prevention Unit will be set up, one each in Chennai South and Chennai North, at a cost of Rs. 8.42 crore.

➢ 51 Boys and Girls Clubs will be created at a cost of Rs. 38.25 lakh.

➢ Students in Responsible Police Initiatives (SIRPI) units will be formed in 100 schools in Chennai, at a cost of Rs. 4.25 crore, to actively involve students in Police activities.

➢ To monitor people in crowded areas and on long-stretch roads, a Mobile Drone Police Unit will be set up at a cost of Rs. 3.60 crore.

**Public Relations**

➢ Descendants of 1,132 Police Personnel, who died in harness, will be given appointments on compassionate grounds.

➢ Over 1.2 lakh Police Personnel will be given training at the Anna Institute of Management at a cost Rs. 10 crore to improve the public relations skills of Police with the Public.

➢ To enable youth of the fishermen community to join the Indian Navy on contract basis, a 6 month training programme will be given to them by the Coastal Police Security Group at a cost of Rs. 90 lakh.

➢ 1000 youths from the fishermen community will be appointed as Home Guards to function along with Coastal Security Police.

➢ Four Cyber Crime Police Stations will be set up at the divisional level in the Chennai Corporation.

➢ A Police Commission will be set up again.

➢ Facilities will be provided to enable the public to contact higher Police officials and give complaints through the Internet.

➢ An App will be created to help the public to file their representations to the officers of the Police Stations.

➢ A separate wing will be created at the DGP office to redress the grievances of Non-Resident Indians.

➢ A Tourist Police wing will be established to protect and guide the tourists.

➢ Steps will be taken to withdraw cases registered against those who participated in agitations against NEET and the TASMAC.

**Employees welfare**

➢ Risk allowance of Policemen will be increased from Rs.800 to Rs.1000.

➢ Pending punishments for small offences against Police Officials will be dropped. Due to this, Policemen who were punished will become eligible for promotion and other benefits.

➢ Right from Police Constable to Inspector, Police Personnel are allowed to travel within their District Jurisdiction by showing their identity cards. For this a new ID card will be issued.

➢ Weekly holiday will be sanctioned from Second Grade Constables to Head Constables.

➢ Spouses of Policemen will also be eligible for the annual medical examination at the Government Hospitals.

The medical examination includes a special examination for women.

➢ To sanction casual leave for Police Personnel, a software (CLAPP) App will be developed at a cost of Rs. 10 lakh.

➢ Gym Centres will be set up at a cost of Rs. 2 lakh each, in Police Stations in 38 Districts and 7 Corporations, totalling Rs. 90 lakh, to enable Policemen for workout and exercise.

➢ A separate App at a cost of Rs. 25 lakh will be developed to redress the grievances of Policemen at the District and Range level.

➢ From the Constables to Inspectors, those who are working in State Intelligence Unit, Crimes Branch, Economic Offences Wing, Coast Guard Police, Railway Police and those joining the Police Training College and having headquarters at Chennai, will be given food allowance similar to Policemen in Greater Chennai Corporation Police. This will entail a recurring expenditure of Rs.14 crore.

➢ A high-level committee will be formed to review the time frame for promotion from Second Grade Constable to Constable, from Constable to Head Constable and Head Constable to Special Sub-Inspectors.

➢ The area of houses allotted to Constables, Head Constables, Sub-inspectors, Inspectors and DSPs will be proportionately increased.

➢ Police Stores will be set up in the newly formed Districts.

➢ A special grievances cell will be set up as a part of the Chief Minister in Your Constituency Scheme.

➢ The Cash Contingency Fund of each Police station will be increased to meet the immediate and urgent expenses of the stations.

**Vehicles**

➢ Each Police station will be allotted new four wheelers at a total cost of Rs. 10 crore.

➢ Sixty-two new patrol vehicles will replace the existing old patrol vehicles of the same number, at a

total cost of Rs. 9.59 crore, with a view to modernize the Police Control Rooms.

➢ To simplify the auction of the discarded vehicles belonging to the Police Department, Superintendents of Police/ Commissioners of Police concerned will be given powers to auction the condemned vehicles.

➢ 57 new patrol vehicles and 4 Highway Patrol vehicles will be purchased at a cost of Rs. 9.43 crore, replacing the 10-year old vehicles.

**Buildings**

➢ Police Housing quarters will be constructed for 896 Constables/Head Constables at a cost of Rs. 275.76 crore at Mansion Site in Thousand Lights Area.

➢ Barracks to accommodate 450 Policemen will be constructed at a cost of Rs. 16.20 crore at Kilpauk for the convenience of Constables to stay in Chennai during their official visit.

➢ Housing scheme for Constables, Head Constables, Sub-Inspectors and Inspectors will be extended to Thiruvarur and Theni Districts.

➢ Housing quarters for 140 Police officers on a 1.4 acre area at a cost of Rs. 54 crore will be constructed at Kovai Gandhipuram.

**New initiatives**

➢ The services of experts will be utilized (Hiring of Experts) to support the investigation of Bank, Job, Registration and Online frauds at a cost of Rs. 1 crore.

➢ Greater Chennai Police are using traffic barricades to regulate traffic in the City. These barricades will be changed /repaired as per the standard of the Indian Road Congress at a cost of Rs. 1.07 crore.

➢ Steps will be taken to set up one new All-Women Police Station in each sub-division to ensure the safety of women.

**Creation of new posts**

➢ The CCTV Network in Greater Chennai Corporation is a big network. To monitor the network in an effective manner, a DSP (Technical) Post will be created at a cost of Rs. 72.59 lakh.

➢ The Idol theft prevention wing will be strengthened by increasing the staff strength and the infrastructure with a view to bring back all the stolen idols.

## FORENSIC SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

➢ In the Forensic Science Laboratory at Thanjavur, a DNA Research wing will be established at a cost of Rs. 7.30 crore.

➢ In the regional Forensic Laboratories in Madurai and Tiruchi, new Computer Forensic wings will be established at a cost of Rs. 5.49 crore.

➢ Mobile Forensic Science Laboratories will be developed at Ariyalur, Tenkasi, Kallakurichi, Chengalpattu, Tirupattur, Ranipet and Mayiladuthurai at a total cost of Rs. 5.01 crore.

➢ Two mobile forensic laboratories under the control of Greater Chennai Police and mobile forensic laboratories at Villupuram, Vellore and Thanjavur will be upgraded at a cost of Rs.92 lakh.

## FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

**Purchase of New Equipment**

➢ Under the distribution of Personal Protective Equipment Scheme, 1,350 numbers of protective equipment along with fire-resistant shoes and headgears will be supplied to fire service personnel at a cost of Rs. 8.10 crore.

➢ Fire service personnel to have unique identity during the fire fighting operations and to function efficiently 3,000 rescue dresses with protective equipment will be purchased at a cost of Rs. 2.10 crore.

➢ To protect the fire service personnel from smoke and other poisonous gases during fire fighting operations, 350 self-contained breathing apparatus kits will be purchased at a cost of Rs 3.50 crore.

> ➢ At the Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services Academy to be set up in Chengalpattu, a training simulator at a cost of Rs. 20 crore will be installed to modernize the service training of fire service personnel.

**Vehicles and conveyances**

➢ 25 new water tanker-mounted vehicles will be purchased at a cost of Rs. 18.75 crore to replace 15-year-old condemned water tanker-mounted vehicles.

➢ 9 new jeeps will be purchased at a cost of Rs. 65 lakh for District Officials of the Fire and Rescue Department to help them function effectively.

➢ 10 numbers of Mini Emergency Rescue Tenders will be purchased at a cost of Rs.9 crore to conduct rescue operations in an effective manner during building collapse, road accidents and natural disasters such as flood and storm.

➢ 20 big water bowzers will be purchased at a cost of Rs. 16 crore to meet the heavy water requirement during big fire accidents.

➢ To meet the fire service requirement of growing urbanization an Aerial Ladder Platform, which can rise up to 42 metres will be purchased for Tiruppur Corporation at a cost of Rs. 11 crore.

➢ 7 numbers of Ultra High Pressure Water Tenders will be purchased at a cost of Rs. 5.60 crore for effective fire fighting operations in hilly areas.

**Buildings and Apartments**

➢ New buildings will be constructed for Fire Service Stations at Kancheepuram, South Chennai, Thanjavur, Theni, Virudhunagar and Chennai Rural at a cost of Rs.45.08 crore.

➢ 100 housing quarters will be constructed at a cost of Rs. 25.43 crore for the employees and workers of the Fire and Rescue Services Department in Chennai, Theni, Tiruchi and Ranipet.

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# Two hundred tanks in 23 Districts to be renovated

*Announcements made by the Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources* ***Thiru. Duraimurugan***

## Water Resources Department

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- Irrigation infrastructures in all Districts will be improved by constructing 190 new check dams, 4 sub-surface dykes, 6 barrages, 2 tail-end water regulators and 12 dams.
- Necessary steps will be taken to restore the original capacity of Mettur, Amaravathi, Vaigai, Pechiparai, Gundaru, Ramanadhi and Wellington Dams and Kaveripakkam Tank.
- Under the Prime Minister's Agriculture Irrigation Scheme, 200 tanks in 23 Districts will be rejuvenated.
- In 31 Districts, infrastructure of 207 tanks with drains, small lakes, inflow channels, supply channels and tanks will be gradually improved with the NABARD assistance.
- Possibilities of launching 7 new big water bodies will be studied and estimates will be prepared in the current year.
- The standard of 50 small irrigation tanks in Sivagangai, Ramanathapuram and Tiruppur Districts will be upgraded.
- Steps will be taken to set up 3 new tanks in Vellore, Theni and Dindigul Districts and 5 new canals in Tiruvannamalai, Villupuram, Tiruvallur, Tenkasi and Thoothukudi Districts.
- For the Water Resources Maintenance Divisions, 69 unmanned drones with modern technology and for the Scheme Development Division, 9 DGPS instruments, 214 laptops, 214 GPS instruments, 500 security equipment groups, 5 geo information technology, software and high tech computers, 50 laptops, 50 high speed computers and software with experimental gadgets with latest technology will be supplied.
- To safeguard fishermen and fishing villages during storm and heavy rains, in Tirunelveli, Kanniyakumari, Ramanathapuram, Thoothukudi and Chennai Districts, 16 groynes and sea erosion protection walls will be taken up.
- Construction of office buildings and staff quarters for various circles and divisional offices will be taken up, Research

Centre for the Poondi Institute of Hydrology and Hydraulics in Tiruvallur District, buildings for Quality Control Division and Sub-Divisions and Research Centres in the next five years in phases.

❖ To improve the skill development of engineers and employees working in the Water Resources Department, the standard of Irrigation Management Training Institute at Tiruchirappalli will be upgraded and new training Institutes will be set up under the PMKSY-HKKP Scheme with 90 per cent contribution from the Union Government.

❖ Eight sub-basins will be selected in the first phase for construction of integrated water regulators, as a part of small sub-basins attaining self-sufficiency in water demand.

❖ All the old vehicles in the Department, will be gradually replaced with new ones in phases in 3 years.

❖ Steps will be taken to regularize the services of 1,458 temporary employees in Scheme Development Division, who have been in daily wages roll for the last 10 years, based on their educational qualifications before the end of the current Assembly session.

# Minerals and Mines

## Drones worth Rs. 25 crore to prevent illegal mining

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❖ Old and useless mines and quarries will be converted into useful spots for the benefit of people.

❖ Unmanned Drones will be deployed at a cost of Rs.25 crore, to prevent illegal mining of minerals.

❖ During excavation in quarries, historical icons, old culverts of Tamil people and Jain beds, and archaeological beds will be protected.

❖ A new policy will be formed to regularize M. Sand manufacturing units.

❖ Waste granite debris will be beneficially utilized to get income for the Government. Technical research will be conducted to manufacture high quality graphite.

❖ The environment of graphite mines and factories belonging to Tamil Nadu Minerals in villages will be improved.

❖ Steps will be taken to find out availability of Gypsum.

❖ Modern land measuring instruments will be procured.

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# Kalaignar Ezhudhukol Award

*Announcements made by the Hon'ble Minister for Information & Publicity Thiru. M.P.Saminathan*

## Information & Publicity

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Statues to be installed for freedom fighters Veerapandiya Kattabomman and Marudhu Brothers of Sivagangai Seemai.

Maveerar Veerapandiya Kattabomman and the Marudhu Brothers of Sivagangai Seemai, who fought for the Independence of the motherland, will be honoured with statues on the Gandhi Mandapam Complex; for Anjalai Ammal, who is known as Jhansi Rani of South India, at Cuddalore, for language freedom fighter Keezhapavur Chinnaswami at Keezhapavur, for former President of India Dr.A.P.J. Abdul Kalam at Anna University Complex, for Rabindranath Tagore at Queen Mary's college, for Navalar Nedunchezhian at Government Circuit House at Chepauk, for Social Reformers Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar at Mayiladuthurai and for Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy at Pudukkottai and for Dr.Mu.Varadarasanar at Ranipet. The Government has allotted Rs. 8 crore for this project.

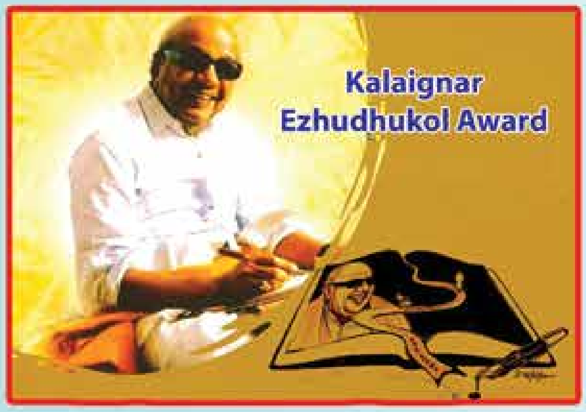
In connection with the $75^{th}$ Independence Day, a sound and light show will be installed at Veerapandiya Kattabomman Fort in Panchalankurichi. Short films glorifying the history of freedom fighters will be made and the memorials will be upgraded.

The memorials of martyrs at Gandhi Mandapam will be upgraded.

For the freedom fighter Thali Palayakarar Malaiyandi Vengadapathi Ethalappar Naicker, a memorial with a statue will be set up at a cost of Rs. 2.6 crore.

The Chief Engineer's Office Complex of the Water Resources Department at Pollachi will be named after the Union Central Minister C.Subramaniam.

A life-size statue of former Chief Minister of Madras Presidency, Dr. Subbarayan, at a cost of Rs. 10 lakh and a



memorial for him in Namakkal town at a cost of Rs. 2.5 crore will be set up.

For Thiru. Eswaran, who was responsible for Lower Bhavani Irrigation Scheme, a statue and a mandapam will be set up at a cost of Rs. 2.6 crore.

For the former Minister, late A.Govindasami, who worked for the uplift of the poor and downtrodden, a statue and memorial will be set up at Villupuram District at a cost of Rs. 2.6 crore.

A Journalist's Welfare Board will be formed to protect the interests of Journalists.

Relief fund for the families of journalists who die in harness will be increased to Rs. 5 lakh.

Language skill and technical training will be provided to Journalists.

Government assistance will be provided to young journalists who want to pursue higher studies in Journalism-related Colleges.

Every year, the best Journalist will be selected and will be given the "Kalaignar Ezhudhukol Award."

Black and white and colour negatives, taken during Government functions, will be digitised. Similarly present photos will be archived. Rs. 50 lakh has been allotted for the project.

To enable the public to know the activities and various schemes of the Government, a separate Department known as the Social Media Department will be created. For Government advertisements electronic walls will be created. To release Government advertisements through the internet, a software will be created. Rs.1.58 crore has been allotted for the development of Tamil Nadu Government M.G.R. Film and Television Institute.

**Stationery and Printing Department**

The Government Central Press and the branch press buildings will be renovated at a cost of Rs. 4.55 crore. A load vehicle will be procured for the Chennai Central Press at a cost of Rs. 25.80 lakh. A packing machine will be procured for the Chennai Central Press. ■

### Hon’ble Chief Minister reiterates importance of preventing crime

# One-year training for Sub Inspectors gets to a start at Police Academy

Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** inaugurated training for Sub Inspectors on 01.09.2021.

Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin inaugurated the one year training for Sub Inspectors on 01.09.2021 at the Police Academy, located in Oonamancheri, Vandalur, through video conferencing from his camp office.

The Hon’ble Chief Minister presented appointment orders to Sub Inspectors selected by the Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board on 26.07.2021. Of the 941 recipients of the orders, inclusive of 280 women candidates, 645 will be posted to Taluk Police Stations, 265 to Reserve Police and 31 to special Police force.

They will be given one year training at the Police Academy. In the 52-week training,

they will be taught law, investigation, forensic science, pharmacology, principles of criminology, psychiatric practices, human resources management, Police Department codes, Police standing orders and Police administration. Indoor classes will be conducted on topics like science, modern India and the Police Department's role.

The other fields they will be trained include application of forensic science at the crime spot to trace the culprits, modern methods to prevent cyber crime, ways and means to control economic offences, handling sexual crime cases against women and children, ascertaining the crime spot scientifically, advance information collection regarding law and order and communal riots, special exercises, swimming, karate, yoga, handling modern weapons, horse riding and vehicle driving, accurate shooting using modern firearms, managing sudden attacks during night time, tracing and defusing bombs, managing natural disasters and skills of handling terrorists and anti-social elements. This basic training will conclude on 31.08.2022.

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin spoke as follows at the inauguration of the training programme:

"The Director General of Police (Law and Order), Director (Training), Department of Police, high officials of the Police Department, trainee Sub Inspectors, Vanakkam. If the administration is one hand of Tamil Nadu Government, the other is the Police Department. If these two function properly, correctly, that Government will be declared the best one. In this respect, the Police Department's activities are very important".

"I am proud to inaugurate the training for you who are to step into such a Department as Sub Inspectors. Though there are many high posts in the Police Department, it is you who are going to be in direct contact with the people as Sub Inspectors. In that respect you have an important duty and a great responsibility. After assuming office as Chief Minister, I interacted with high officials separately, Department-wise. I interacted with Police officers. At that time, I emphasized a point.

"All people consider the Police Department only as a Department that prevents crimes and secures punishment (to the culprits). It is my desire that it should become a Department that creates an environment where no crimes take place. More than achieving a reduction in the number of crimes, I mentioned that it should become a Department that creates an atmosphere where no crime occurs. This desire of mine should become yours also. If our desire turns into action, Tamil Nadu will prosper.

"Whichever Government rules, people's first expectation is prevalence of peace; a peaceful life. Ordinary people feel they should have a life free from fear. The great duty of creating that peace rests on the Police Department. You should register this in your heart.

"You have not come to this position in any ordinary way. I know well what sort of hurdles you have crossed to reach this place. Physical fitness, mental strength, intelligence, perseverance and the ambition to succeed have brought you to this place.

"You should not forsake these qualities in any situation. You should put in the same level of hard work in this training as you exhibited for passing the competitive examination. You should develop into a person with good physique, mental acumen and intelligence. Along with exercise, you should acquire modern technological skills. All of you should have technological knowledge. It is absolutely necessary for Police Personnel.

"It is a matter of pride that 280 of the 941 trainee Sub Inspectors are women. Bharathiyar visualized women with the qualities of upright in stance, fearless in gaze and righteous in conduct. More than equality between men and women, Thanthai Periyar dreamt that women must be superior to men in their actions. Women rising into frontline positions in sectors like army, Police, investigation and piloting vehicles testifies to the flowering of a society envisioned by Periyar.

"I wish to recall to you that in the whole of India, it was Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar who first inducted women into the Police Department. I wish more heroic women like you join the Police force".

"When you start functioning in the Police after completing your degrees and your training, you should all take a vow to create a peaceful Tamil Nadu.

**"You should be an example to the saying, 'Police is your friend';**

**Don't hesitate to prevent injustice at any time;**

**Stand up for justice;**

**Make the area under your limits crime-free;**

**Arraign the real culprits before the Law;**

**Try to reform those who become criminals because of circumstances;**

**Be kind to the affected people;**

**Do all these things legally.**

**Police constables are servants of people; truly they are social reformers, said Mahatma Gandhi. You should function as such public servants and social reformers.**

**Muthamizh Arignar Thalaivar Kalaignar stated: Deal kindly with the law abiding; deal with those who defy the law with an iron hand".**

"This should be your goal."

"Fully utilize this year-long training. Make it fruitful through your service to the people. I take leave of you, thanking all the Police officers whose training imparts skill and intelligence to the personnel. Nandri, Vanakkam".

# Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurates scheme for monthly cash incentive for archakas, bhattacharyas and pujaris

Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K.Stalin inaugurated a monthly cash incentive scheme for Archakas, Bhattacharyas and Pujaris, working in 12,959 temples, at the Arulmigu Marundeeswarar Temple Kalyana Mandapam on 11.09.2021.

Taking into consideration the financial constraints faced by the Archakas, Bhattacharyas and Pujaris of the HR and CE controlled temples due to Corona, the State Government sanctioned Rs.4,000 cash, rice and groceries to them, as they do not have fixed monthly income. By this, about 11,065 temple archakas benefited. Houses for temple archakas and employees at 6 places at a cost of Rs. 21.40 crore were also announced.

It came to our knowledge that Archakas, Bhattacharyas and Pujaris are working without monthly income. During the demand for the HR and CE Department on 04.09.2021. It was announced that a monthly cash incentive of Rs.1,000 would be paid to the archakas, working in 12,959 temples, under the Orukala Puja Scheme.

Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K.Stalin, inaugurated the scheme at a function in the Arulmigu Marundeeswarar Temple Kalyana Mandapam.

Addressing the gathering on the occasion, the Hon'ble Chief Minister said,

"I am thankful to you for giving me an opportunity to participate in this function organized by the Hon'ble HR and CE Minister, and to meet you all. I have not come here to make a long speech. After completing the function here, I have to go to another function to honour Mahakavi Bharathiyar and garland his Statue on his memorial day''.

You all know how the Hon'ble HR and CE Minister, Thiru. Sekarbabu, acquitted himself after taking over the reins of the Department. I think it would be appropriate to call him 'Seyal Babu'. The present function is a testimony to his performance.

It is just one week since the Assembly session has begun and it is to end on September 13. But the Hon'ble Minister Thiru. Sekar Babu has implemented the scheme within a week after announcing it in the Assembly. Normally we used to say that if you demand gingelly seeds, he is ready with oil. Such is the quick action by my friend Sekar Babu.

I hope that the Ministers Thiru. Velu and Thiru. Ma.Subramanian, who are on the dais, will not mistake me. I am telling this because of my ties with you. Truly speaking, Thiru. Sekar Babu has made the HR and CE Department a really fortunate Department. He is a Minister who works round-the-clock. You can see this on television and in newspapers.

Temple lands and properties are being retrieved. A law has been enacted to allow people of all communities to become Archakas. Tamil Archanai has become a reality through this Department. Booklets on Tamil hymns to God have been released. Rs.4,000 has been sanctioned along with 15 grocery items to Archakas.

I have to spell out one more wonder. The current year's budget has been submitted and discussions on the demands for various Departments have been going on. The Ministers concerned are making announcements with regard to their Ministries. The Hon'ble HR and CE Minister during his reply to the discussion on his Ministry, made a record 120 announcements. So far nobody has made so many announcements. This is really a record.

Renovation works for various temples are going on. New temple cars are going to roll out. Apart from this, for the first time, the Department is going to start new colleges. If all these works are completed, then the Golden Period of the HR and CE Department will begin. We are going to see that change soon.

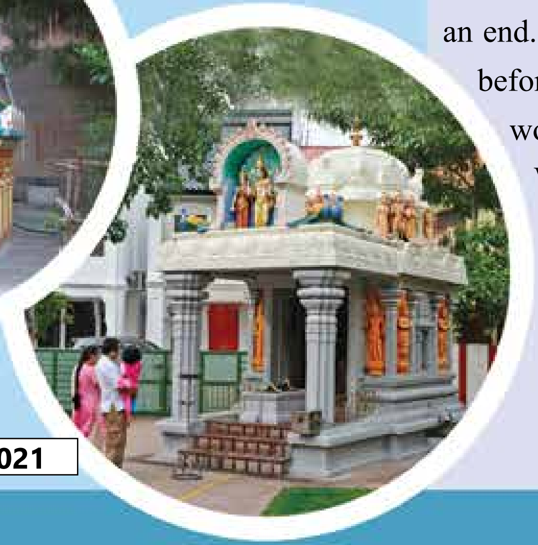
As a part of the announcement, I am going to inaugurate a Monthly Incentive Scheme of Rs. 1,000 to archakas in 12,959 temples having no fixed income. This will cost the exchequer an additional Rs. 13 crore. I would like to say that it is not an expenditure to the Government but a livelihood support to the families of 13,000 Archakas. The corpus fund for the temples under Oru Kaala Pujai has been increased to Rs. 2 lakh. This will facilitate the temples to conduct more than one puja a day. This will help the Pujaris to improve their life. So I am happy to inaugurate the scheme.

Perarignar Anna said that he sees God in the smile of poor people. Today is the death anniversary of Mahakavi Bharathiyar who averred that when the poor are uplifted God

blesses everybody (Siriyaarai Membada Seithaal Pinbu Elloraiyum Deivam Vaazhthum).

Based on that, the Tamil Nadu Government has announced many schemes in the current session, which is to end on September 13. After that, we will start implementing in phases, the schemes announced in the Assembly. No scheme will stop with announcement. I am personally going to monitor the implementation of the schemes by conducting review meetings and supervising the functioning of Ministers and officials. Each scheme will be given priority and I will involve myself in monitoring each scheme. The Assembly session is yet to come to an end. Review meetings are yet to begin. But before that Hon'ble Sekar Babu has started his work. That is why I call him 'Seyal Babu'. With this, I complete my address and I assure you that all announcements will be implemented.

My sincere thanks and best wishes to all of you.



# Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin greets medallists from Tokyo Paralympics

Thiru. Harvinder Singh, the first Indian medallist in Paralympics in archery.

Pistol Shooter Thiru. Manish Narwal who got the Country the third gold medal, Thiru. Singhraj Adhana, who has won his second gold.

Thiru. Pramod Bhagat and Thiru. Manoj Sarkar who have respectively won gold and bronze in the badminton event.

The gold medallist Thiru. Krishna Nagar, the first Indian civil service officer who has won a silver. Thiru. Suhas Yathiraj, Thiru. Neeraj Chopra who ended the 120- year long wait of India in track events.

India's daughter Bhavinaben Patel who has won a silver in table tennis, Thiru.Nishad Kumar, winner of silver and bronze medals along with achievements in high jump and disc throw.

Avani Lekhara, the historic gold medallist in shooting, Thiru. Yogesh Kathuniya, silver medallist in disc throw, Thiru. Devendra Jhajhariya and Thiru. Sundar Singh, silver and bronze medallists respectively in javelin throw.

Thiru.Sumit Antil, gold medallist who set three world records in one javelin throw event, Thiru. Praveen Kumar, silver medallist in high jump with a new Asian record, Thiru. Sarath Kumar, bronze medallist in high jump and shooting, Thiru. Singhraj Adhana.

The star hero of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. Mariyappan Thangavelu who has won the silver medal for the second time in high jump.

These excellent victories will open the doors of new opportunities to skilled sportspersons.

## Rs.2 crore incentive to Thiru.Mariyappan Thangavelu, silver medallist in Tokyo Paralympics

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru.M.K. Stalin** on 31.08.2021 *(English Translation)*.

Thiru. Mariyappan Thangavelu, known as the 'Golden Son' of Tamil Nadu in track events has won a silver medal in the high jump event in the Tokyo Paralympics competitions and thus recorded an achievement. On behalf of the people of Tamil Nadu, I am happy to greet him for getting glory to India and Tamil Nadu once again. He is inspiring every youth through his example of overcoming poverty and physical disability through his skills. He is a proud possessor of many awards like Padma Shri, Arjuna award and Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna award.

By way of appreciating his achievement of winning the silver medal in the Tokyo Paralympics, an incentive prize of Rs.2 crore is awarded to Thiru. Mariyappan Thangavelu. Let Tamil Nadu's journey of achievements in sports continue.

# Savings scheme for girl child

## SELVAMAGAL SEMIPPU THITTAM

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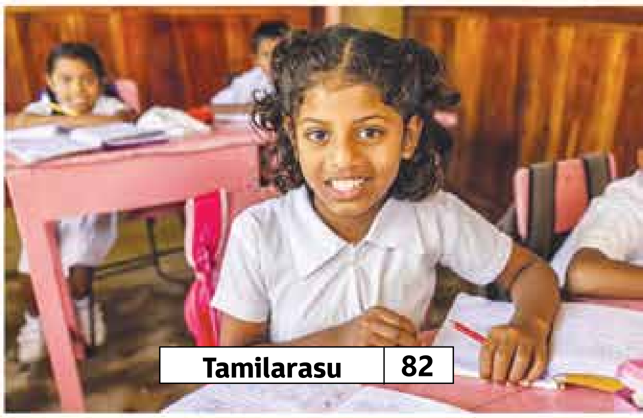
The Tamil Nadu Government is implementing many special schemes for the protection of girl children. Under the Chief Minister's Girl Child Protection Scheme, a fixed bank deposit of Rs. 50,000 is created in the name of the child in families with only one girl child and Rs. 25,000 each in the families of two girl children. On the completion of 18 years of age of the child, the matured amount is given to the beneficiary.

Likewise, as an excellent savings scheme, the post offices in India are operating Selvamagal Savings Scheme for the future of girl children. The scheme can take care of future needs like higher education and marriage.

- An account can be opened in the name of a girl child till she attains the age of 10.
- Parents/Guardian of the child below 10 years of age can open the account in the name of the child with the birth certificate.
- Under this scheme, the account can be opened in a family for a maximum of 2 girl children only.
- Among the small savings schemes, this scheme fetches the maximum interest. At present a 7.6 per cent interest is given, higher than that given to senior citizens for their 5 year deposits.
- Investment in the scheme in a financial year can be from a minimum of Rs.250 to a maximum of Rs.1.5 lakh.
- The scheme provides a facility for the girl in whose name the account has been started to withdraw up to 50 per cent of the amount when she completes her 10th standard or 18 years of age, for her higher education.
- The matured amount can be received at the time of the marriage of the girl or on the completion of 21 years of age.
- Income tax exemption is available for the amount deposited (inclusive of interest) under this scheme.

All people can use this 'Selvamagal' scheme and make the future of their daughters prosperous.



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin** on the occasion of 'Mahakavi Day' paid floral tribute to the portrait of Mahakavi Bharathiyar to mark the Death Centenary of the poet, at Kamarajar Salai, Chennai on 11.09.2021.

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